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ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

OFFICERS

— OF THE —

TOWN OF BETHEL

— FOR THE —

YEAR ENDING FEB. 1,

1918.

FRED B. MERRILL, Printer, Bethel, Maine,

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,
FRANK A. BROWN, N. E. RICHARDSON, F. B. HOWE.

CLERK,
WESLEY WHEELER.

TREASURER,
H. H. HASTINGS.

COLLECTOR,
F. B. HALL.

ROAD COMMISSIONER,
FRANK A. BROWN.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
H. H. HASTINGS, MAUD THURSTON,
R. R. TIBBETTS.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
W. E. BENSCOTER.

BOARD OF HEALTH,
C. M. KIMBALL, E. C. PARK, I. H. WIGHT, M. D.
FIRE WARD,
W. C. GAREY.

AUDITOR,
W. W. HASTINGS.

CONSTABLES,
C. L. DAVIS, GUY BARTLETT, G. D. MORRILL,
J. S. BURBANK, L. A. HALL.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,
A. VAN DEN KERCKHOVEN.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND BARK,
J. E. PIKE, A. M. MORRILL, F. L. EDWARDS,
E. H. SMITH, H. F. THURSTON, HUGH THURSTON,
HOWARD MAXIM, PAUL C. THURSTON, J. H. SWAN.

SEXTONS,
H. F. MAXIM, M. E. GROVER, I. W. BEAN,
H. N. HEAD, FRANK BROOKS, L. A. YORK.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1917

To the Citizens of the Town of Bethel:

The annual report of your town officers is hereby respectfully submitted.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Valuation of property and number of polls as taken on April 1st, 1917.

Value of real estate, resident owners, \$747,465

Value of real estate, non-resident owners, 67,475

Total value of real estate, \$814,940

Value of personal estate, resident owners, \$224,360

Value of personal estate, non-resident owners, 21,400

Total value of personal estate, \$245,760

Grand total of property, \$1,060,700

Rate of taxation, .0235 on the dollar.

Poll tax rate, \$2.00.

Number of polls, taxed, 519.

Number of polls not taxed, 66.

Percentage paid to Tax Collector, .01 on the dollar.

ASSESSMENTS FOR YEAR 1917.

| | |
|---|------------|
| State tax, | \$6,546 27 |
| County tax, | 1,853 29 |
| Support of schools, | 3,600 00 |
| Repairs and supplies for schools, | 550 00 |
| Text-books for schools, | 300 00 |
| Tuition for secondary schools, | 1,100 00 |
| To purchase flags for schools, | 15 00 |
| To remodel schoolhouse, | 350 00 |
| For repair of roads and bridges, | 4,083 89 |
| For over expended on roads, 1916, | 916 11 |
| For winter roads and over expendi- ture, | 1,000 00 |
| For State aid road, | 666 00 |
| For maintenance State road and pa- trol, | 100 00 |
| For roller for W. Bethel and vicinity, | 75 00 |
| For support of poor, | 1,000 00 |
| For town officers, | 2,000 00 |
| For miscellaneous expenses, | 200 00 |
| For town debt and interest, | 320 00 |
| For Memorial Day observance, | 25 00 |
| For Bethel band, | 25 00 |
| For Collector's bond, | 12 50 |
| For Bethel Library Association, | 300 00 |
| For road built 1916, Spring Street, | 273 98 |
| For covering sand at Middle Intervale, | 600 00 |
| Overlay in assessing, | 52 41 |

\$25,964 45

EXTRACT FROM ASSESSORS' REPORT TO BOARD OF STATE ASSESSORS FOR THE YEAR 1917.

Live Stock Taxed.

| | No. | Av. Val. | Total Val. |
|------------------------|-----|----------|------------|
| Horses, | 551 | \$106 42 | \$58,640 |
| Colts, 3 to 4, | 12 | 110 41 | 1,325 |
| Colts, 2 to 3, | 14 | 83 92 | 1,175 |
| Colts, under 2, | 16 | 50 15 | 825 |
| Cows, | 612 | 40 87 | 25,015 |
| Oxen, | 24 | 78 12 | 1,875 |
| 3 year old Neat Stock, | 164 | 32 17 | 5,275 |
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| | | | \$94,130 |

Live Stock Not Taxed.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|---------|---------|
| Neat stock, 2 years to 30 mos., | 227 | \$25 00 | \$5,675 |
| Neat stock, 1 year old, | 248 | 15 00 | 3,720 |
| Sheep, | 311 | 6 00 | 1,866 |
| Swine, | 234 | 10 00 | 2,340 |
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Total amount personal property not taxable, \$13,601

All Other Kinds of Personal Property.

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|-----------------------------|----------|
| Bank stock, 204 shares, | \$20,400 |
| Trust Co. stock, 11 shares, | 1,100 |
| Stock in trade, | 50,200 |
| Logs and lumber, | 24,520 |
| Wood and bark, | 710 |
| Carriages, | 200 |
| Automobiles, | 31,900 |
| Musical instruments, | 12,675 |
| Finished product at mills, | 2,400 |
| Machinery, | 1,700 |
| Furniture, | 3,200 |
| Material in stock, | 2,625 |

\$151,630

Total amount taxable personal property, April
1, 1917,

\$245,760

Abatement of Taxes, 1914.

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Philip Arsenault, paid in Newry, | \$2 00 |
| C. E. Tenney, unable to collect, | 3 10 |
| John McLain, unable to collect, | 2 00 |

Carried to miscellaneous account,

\$7 10

Abatement of Taxes, 1915.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Geo. Bleuin, paid in Woodstock, | \$2 00 |
| Wm. Hurlbert, can't find, | 2 00 |
| John McLain, can't find, | 2 00 |
| Michel O'Reilly, deceased, | 2 00 |
| Harold Rich, paid in Massachusetts, | 2 00 |
| Harris White, unable to collect, | 2 63 |

Carried to miscellaneous account,

\$12 63

Abatement of Taxes, 1916.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| John Arsenault, error in valuation, | \$4 30 |
| William Allen, unable to collect, | 2 00 |
| Shirley Curtis, unable to find, | 2 00 |
| Geo. Fisher, unable to find, | 2 00 |
| John Gaudet, unable to find, | 2 00 |
| Richard Lawrence, paid in Albany, | 2 00 |
| S. A. Parsons, left town, | 2 00 |
| A. W. Somerville, left town, | 2 00 |
| James Southwell, left town, | 2 00 |

Carried to miscellaneous account,

\$20 30

Abatement of Taxes, 1917.

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| C. D. Hasty, paid in Auburn, | \$56 40 |
| Eben Kilborn error in valuation, | 4 70 |
| Alforetta Edwards, paid in Portland, | 11 75 |
| Alex McLain, not here April 1, | 2 00 |
| William Spinney, paid in Newry, | 2 00 |
| Harold Spinney, paid in Newry, | 2 00 |
| H. W. Boyker, paid in Portland, | 2 00 |
| Charles Hastings, error in taxing, | 2 00 |

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| Geo. Blowers, soldier in U. S. service, | 2 00 |
| Gard Goddard, soldier in U. S. service, | 2 00 |
| Curtis Hutchinson, soldier in U. S. service, | 2 00 |
| Albert Silver, soldier in U. S. service, | 2 00 |
| Philip Smith, soldier in U. S. service, | 2 00 |
| Howard Tyler, soldier in U. S. service, | 2 00 |

Carried to miscellaneous account,

\$94 85

REPORT OF COLLECTOR

F. B. Hall, Collector of Taxes, in account with Town of Bethel.

Dr.

To State, County and Town taxes
committed to me for collection

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| May 1, 1917, | \$25,965 46 |
| Supplementary tax, 1917, | 58 68 |

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|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Total amount to be collected, | \$26,024 14 |
|-------------------------------|-------------|

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|------------------------------|-------------|
| By cash paid Town Treasurer, | \$25,000 00 |
| By abatements, | 94 84 |

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| | \$25,094 84 |
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Balance due Town Treasurer,

| | |
|--|----------|
| | \$929 30 |
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Unpaid Taxes, 1914.

| | |
|----------------|--------|
| Allister Lowe, | \$3 65 |
| Thomas Vashaw, | 81 73 |
| W. E. Walker, | 2 00 |

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| | \$87 38 |
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1915.

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|------------------|--------|
| Andrew Allen, | \$2 00 |
| Jos. Arsenault, | 2 00 |
| John Armond, | 2 00 |
| Geo. Brooks, | 2 00 |
| George Bowley, | 2 00 |
| Samuel Burhoe, | 2 00 |
| Jesse Bennett, | 2 00 |
| Geo. Bowler, | 2 00 |
| Hollis Coolidge, | 2 51 |

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|------------------|-------|
| Percy Gaudet, | 2 00 |
| John Gaudet, | 2 00 |
| Charles Glidden, | 2 00 |
| Norman Jodrey, | 2 00 |
| W. L. Johnson, | 2 00 |
| L. J. Johnson, | 2 00 |
| Jos. LeClair, | 2 00 |
| A. J. Lowe, | 2 51 |
| J. McKeen, | 2 00 |
| Maynard Prince, | 2 00 |
| Charles F. Reed, | 5 11 |
| Charles H. Reed, | 2 00 |
| Geo. M. Rolfe, | 2 00 |
| Theodore Rix, | 2 00 |
| Guy Smith, | 2 00 |
| Dinsmore Smith, | 2 00 |
| Wm. Spinney, | 2 00 |
| Alfred Tripp, | 2 00 |
| Thomas Vashaw, | 11 11 |
| Edgar Weymouth, | 2 00 |
| Michel Telliher, | 2 00 |

 \$73 24

1916.

Josiah French,

\$2 00

1917.

| | |
|------------------|--------|
| Archie Evans, | \$2 00 |
| Josiah French, | 2 00 |
| A. Jordan, | 2 00 |
| Jesse Merrill, | 2 00 |
| S. J. Morse, | 2 00 |
| Fred Taylor, | 2 00 |
| Nelson Bartlett, | 2 00 |
| Geo. H. Bennett, | 2 00 |
| Ralph Berry, | 2 00 |
| Robert Bennett, | 2 00 |
| Victor Bicknell, | 2 00 |
| W. G. Blake, | 14 69 |
| James Burhoe, | 12 17 |

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|--------------------------------------|--------|
| William Burhoe, | 2 00 |
| E. M. Carter, | 49 00 |
| Arthur Coburn, | 5 53 |
| John Coolidge, | 3 18 |
| Alvah Cummings, | 2 00 |
| C. P. Day, | 6 82 |
| D. C. Estes, | 26 09 |
| E. Farrar, | 59 |
| M. E. Grover, | 2 00 |
| W. B. Grover, | 1 42 |
| Henry Grant, | 2 00 |
| Howard Grant, | 2 00 |
| Hastings & Vashaw, | 70 50 |
| Will Holt, | 26 44 |
| John Holt, | 3 41 |
| Irving Harriman, | 2 00 |
| Gerald Harden, | 9 40 |
| A. Levesque, | 7 04 |
| A. J. Lowe, | 2 00 |
| L. W. Lavorgna, | 22 00 |
| Durward Mason, | 2 00 |
| Joel Merrill, | 2 00 |
| Charles Parker, | 2 00 |
| Geo. M. Rolfe, | 2 00 |
| T. Sidelinger, | 2 00 |
| Charles Stevens, | 2 00 |
| Geo. H. Swan, | 10 93 |
| Heirs of E. Swicker, | 59 93 |
| Clarence Tyler, | 1 76 |
| Fred C. Verrill, | 46 18 |
| N. I. Wilbur, | 8 46 |
| Geo. Willey, | 2 00 |
| Freeman Winslow, | 1 18 |
| Thomas Westleigh, | 10 93 |
| Heirs of Inez Allen, | 23 50 |
| Geo. W. Day, | 5 88 |
| W. A. Emery, | 143 35 |
| J. D. Bartlett, | 2 00 |
| Cash in Collectors hands to balance, | 306 92 |

\$929 30

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR

| | |
|---|------------|
| Appraisal of town farm and property, Feb. 1, 1917, | \$2,892 85 |
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Town Farm Receipts, Feb. 1, 1918.

| | |
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| Appraisal, | \$2,892 85 |
| Bal. of rent from C. E. Burgess, | 30 30 |
| Rent of farm, C. E. Burgess, 1917, | 50 00 |
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| | \$2,973 15 |

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|---------------------------|---------|
| Balance in favor of farm, | \$80 30 |
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| Received from C. E. Burgess, | \$80 30 |
|------------------------------|---------|

SUMMARY POOR ACCOUNT, 1917.

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| Appropriation, | \$1,000 00 |
| Overdrawn, 1916, | 90 07 |
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| | \$909 93 |

Paid for

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Harvey Bennett, | \$178 25 |
| Philip Wheeler, | 53 50 |
| Roland Corson, | 14 00 |
| Emerson Thurlow and wife, | 126 33 |
| Jennie L. Hutchinson, | 20 50 |
| John Murphy, | 163 06 |
| W. E. Walker family, | 24 50 |
| W. G. Capen, | 154 55 |
| Kathlene and Catherine Grover, | 159 54 |
| Clarence C. Lapham, | 7 75 |
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| | \$901 98 |

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| Unexpended, | \$7 95 |
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POOR NOT ON FARM.**Harvey Bennett.**

No.

| | | |
|----------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| 2 | Paid C. Rowe & Son, clothing, | \$2 50 |
| 5 | Paid Mrs. J. X. Bennett, board, | 15 00 |
| 58 | Paid Mrs. J. X. Bennett, board, | 12 00 |
| 77 | Paid Mrs. J. X. Bennett, board, | 12 00 |
| 126 | Paid Mrs. J. X. Bennett, board, | 3 00 |
| 139 | Paid Mrs. J. X. Bennett, board, | 12 00 |
| Part 147 | Paid W. E. Bosserman, | 2 00 |
| 156 | Paid Mrs. J. X. Bennett, board, | 12 00 |
| 179 | Paid Mrs. J. X. Bennett, board, | 12 00 |
| 192 | Paid Mrs. J. X. Bennett, board, | 3 00 |
| 193 | Paid Mrs. J. X. Bennett, board, | 12 00 |
| 195 | Paid C. Rowe & Son, clothing, | 3 50 |
| 203 | Paid Mrs. J. X. Bennett, board, | 12 00 |
| 208 | Paid Mrs. J. X. Bennett, board, | 12 00 |
| 225 | Paid Mrs. J. X. Bennett, board, | 12 00 |
| 240 | Paid Mrs. J. X. Bennett, board, | 15 00 |
| 249 | Paid C. K. Fox, clothing, | 11 25 |
| | Paid C. K. Fox, clothing to Feb. 2, | 15 00 |

 \$178 25
Philip Wheeler.

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|-----|--------------------------------------|--------|
| 6 | Paid F. L. Howe, board, | \$6 00 |
| 7 | Paid J. B. Roberts, burial expenses, | 41 00 |
| 123 | Paid J. H. Swan, digging grave, | 5 00 |
| 129 | Paid Lewis Parody, M. D., | 1 50 |

 \$53 50
Roland Corson.

| | | |
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| Part of 8 | Paid Sam Mayconnell, wood, | \$9 00 |
| 102 | Paid C. E. Stowell, groceries, | 5 00 |

 \$14 00
Emerson Thurlow and Wife.

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| 83 | Paid Town of Rumford, supplies, | \$45 04 |
| 204 | Paid Rev. Mr. Trueman, attend- ing funeral, | 5 00 |

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| 205 | Paid F. J. Tibbetts, burial Mrs. Thurlow, | 60 00 |
| 207 | Paid Town of Byron, clothing, | 5 60 |
| 222 | Paid Town of Rumford, supplies, | 5 69 |
| 238 | Paid J. H. Swan, sexton, | 5 00 |

\$126 33

Jennie L. Hutchinson.

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|-----|---|---------|
| 194 | Transportation and expenses to hospital, | \$17 50 |
| 236 | Paid Mrs. Carrie M. Arno, | 3 00 |

\$20 50

John Murphy.

| | | |
|-----|---------------------------------|---------|
| 105 | Paid Mrs. C. E. Burgess, board, | \$50 00 |
| 164 | Paid C. Rowe and Son, supplies, | 5 50 |
| 188 | Paid Mrs. C. E. Burgess, board, | 20 00 |
| | Paid Mrs. C. E. Burgess, board, | 86 00 |
| | Paid C. Rowe & Son, rubbers, | 1 56 |

\$163 06

William G. Capen.

| | | |
|----------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| 116 | Paid R. R. Tibbetts, med. atten., | \$8 00 |
| 130 | Paid C. Rowe & Son, clothing, | 6 95 |
| Part 147 | Paid W. E. Bosserman, medi- cine, | 9 10 |
| 191 | Paid Charles Capen, board, | 75 00 |
| 217 | Paid Charles Capen, board, | 18 00 |
| 263 | Paid Charles Capen, board, | 37 50 |

\$154 55

Catherine and Kathlene Grover.

| | | |
|-----|----------------------------|---------|
| 181 | Paid W. W. Hastings, rent, | \$52 02 |
| 209 | Paid T. B. Goodwin, wood, | 36 00 |
| 235 | Paid S. H. Brown, wood, | 19 50 |
| 264 | Paid W. W. Hastings, rent, | 52 02 |

\$159 54

W. E. Walker Family.

| | | |
|-----|--|--------|
| 106 | Paid Town of Rumford, groceries, | \$6 50 |
| 270 | Paid Town of Rumford, medical treatment, | 18 00 |

\$24 50

Clarence C. Lapham.

| | | |
|-----|---|--------|
| 268 | Paid Cash expenses, Fairfield sanatorium, | \$7 00 |
| | Paid W. W. Kilgore, board, | 75 |

\$7 75

LOCK-UP ACCOUNT.

| | | |
|----------|--|--------|
| 200 | Paid C. L. Davis, wood, | \$9 00 |
| 200 | Paid C. L. Davis, care of tramps, | 15 50 |
| Part 62 | Paid G. L. Thurston & Son, lock, | 1 50 |
| 224 | Paid N. E. Richardson, tramp, Spanish War Veteran, | 3 00 |
| Part 283 | Paid Tom Marshall, tramp, fare to Portland, Spanish War Veteran, | 2 22 |
| Part 279 | Paid C. L. Davis, care of tramps, | 21 50 |

Carried to miscellaneous account, \$52 72

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.**David S. Abbott, Portland.**

| | | |
|-----|--|---------|
| 120 | Paid Mrs. J. C. Eagle, board and care, | \$50 00 |
| 137 | Paid Mrs. J. C. Eagle, board and care, | 12 00 |
| 140 | Paid Mrs. J. C. Eagle, board and care, | 4 00 |
| 145 | Paid F. J. Tibbetts, burial of, | 52 00 |

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| 149 | Paid R. R. Tibbetts, medical at- tendance, | 9 00 |
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|---------------------------------|----------|
| Received from City of Portland, | \$127 00 |
|---------------------------------|----------|

Earl Hopkins, Milton Plantation.

| | | |
|-----|--|---------|
| 1 | Paid Albert Hopkins, board and care, | \$24 00 |
| 64 | Paid Albert Hopkins, board and care, | 28 00 |
| 136 | Paid Albert Hopkins, board and care, | 24 00 |
| 171 | Paid Albert Hopkins, board and care, | 28 00 |
| 196 | Paid Albert Hopkins, board and care, | 32 00 |
| 210 | Paid Albert Hopkins, board and care, | 28 00 |
| 221 | Paid Albert Hopkins, board and care, | 8 00 |
| 243 | Paid Albert Hopkins, board and care, | 28 00 |
| 241 | Paid C. Rowe & Son, clothing, | 7 50 |
| 254 | Paid A. Hopkins, board to Jan. 1, 1918, | 13 14 |

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| Due from State, | \$220 64 |
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| Received from State, | \$104 00 |
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| Balance due from State, | \$116 64 |
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Grace Roberts, Milton Plantation.

| | | |
|-----|----------------------------|---------|
| 63 | Paid David Farnham, board, | \$21 00 |
| 76 | Paid David Farnham, board, | 18 00 |
| 135 | Paid David Farnham, board, | 18 00 |
| 172 | Paid David Farnham, board, | 21 00 |
| 202 | Paid David Farnham, board, | 30 00 |
| 227 | Paid David Farnham, board, | 24 00 |
| 244 | Paid David Farnham, board, | 18 00 |

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| 256 | Paid David Farnham, board, to Jan. 1, 1918, | 9 85 |
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| Total due from State, | \$159 85 |
| Received from State, | \$78 00 |

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| Balance due from State, | \$81 85 |
|-------------------------|---------|

George W. Ryerson and Family, Milton.

| | | |
|-----|--|--------|
| 228 | Paid David Farnham, digging grave, | \$4 00 |
| 229 | Paid J. B. Roberts, burial exp., | 50 00 |
| 242 | Paid Mrs. Geo. W. Ryerson, aid, | 24 00 |
| 255 | Paid Mrs. Geo. W. Ryerson, aid to Jan. 1, 1918, | 9 85 |

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|-------------------------|---------|
| Balance due from State, | \$87 85 |
|-------------------------|---------|

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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|---|---------|
| Appropriation for Memorial Day observance, No. | \$25 00 |
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|-------------------------|---------|
| 131 Paid A. S. Chapman, | \$25 00 |
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|--------------------------------------|---------|
| Appropriation for flags for schools, | \$15 00 |
| Unexpended, 1916, | 2 99 |

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|-------------------------|---------|
| Available, 1917, No. | \$17 99 |
|-------------------------|---------|

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| 34 Paid Frank Brooks, | \$3 50 |
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| Unexpended, | \$14 49 |
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| Appropriation town debt and interest, | \$320 00 |
| Unexpended and available, | 80 00 |

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|---------------------------|----------|
| | \$400 00 |
| Paid coupon by Treasurer, | \$380 00 |

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| Unexpended and due to be paid, | \$20 00 |
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| Appropriation for use Bethel Band, No. | \$25 00 |
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| 102 Paid Arthur Herrick, | \$25 00 |
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| Appropriation for Collector's bond, No. | \$12 50 |
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| 133 Paid F. B. Hall, | \$12 50 |
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|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation for Library Ass'n., | \$300 00 |
| Due from State, | 30 00 |

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| | \$330 00 |
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No.

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| 134 | Paid Agnes Straw, | \$100 00 |
| 212 | Paid Agnes Straw, | 200 00 |
| 218 | Paid Agnes Straw, rec'd from State, | 30 00 |

 \$330 00

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|-----------------------------|----------|
| Available for road machine, | \$248 77 |
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|-----|--------------------------------|----------|
| 219 | Paid N. E. Road Machinery Co., | \$300 00 |
|-----|--------------------------------|----------|

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| Overdrawn, | \$51 23 |
|------------|---------|

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|----------------------------|---------|
| Appropriation snow roller, | \$75 00 |
|----------------------------|---------|

A snow roller costs landed in Bethel about \$160.00. Should the town care to buy, more money must be appropriated.

DOGS TAXED.

| | |
|-------------|---------|
| Males, 76, | \$76 00 |
| Females, 2, | 10 00 |

 \$86 00

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|-------------------------|---------|
| Paid to Town Treasurer, | \$86 00 |
|-------------------------|---------|

SHEEP AND TURKEYS KILLED BY DOGS AND WILD ANIMALS.

No.

| | | |
|-----|---|---------|
| 246 | Paid F. Vetquosky, sheep killed by dogs, | \$60 00 |
| 247 | Paid Geo. W. Mason, sheep killed by bears, | 45 00 |
| 248 | Paid G. D. Morrill, turkeys killed by foxes, | 50 00 |
| 253 | Paid F. L. Edwards, sheep killed by dogs, | 180 00 |

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|-----------------|----------|
| Due from State, | \$335 00 |
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| Paid by State Treasurer, | \$335 00 |
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Trust accepted by town of \$500.00, the interest to be paid each year to Riverside Cemetery Association for the care of burial lot of Spencer T., Curatio T., and E. W. Bartlett.

Deposited in Bethel Savings Bank, \$500 00

Oct. 5 Paid H. N. Upton, Treasurer, 1 yr. interest, \$20 20

RENT OF CORN SHOP PROPERTY.

Received from F. J. Tyler, for 1 year's rent, \$50 00

MINISTERIAL AND SCHOOL FUND.

Treasurer of said fund reports the following, Feb. 1, 1918:

There is in my hands notes secured

by mortgages on real estate amount-

ing to

\$794 14

Deposited in Bethel Savings Bank, 1,150 00

\$1,944 14

Amounts paid as follows:

| | |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Town of Bethel, | \$28 65 |
| Methodist Society, | 15 28 |
| Universalist Society, | 15 28 |
| Congregational Society, | 15 28 |
| Baptist Society, | 9 55 |
| Union Society, | 9 55 |

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. U. PURINGTON, Treasurer.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

I herewith submit my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Town of Bethel for the year 1917:

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| Number of Scales tested and sealed, | 54 |
| Number of Scales tested and condemned, | 1 |
| Number of Weights tested and sealed, | 108 |
| Number of Weights tested and condemned, | 3 |
| Number of Liquids tested and sealed, | 3 |
| Number of Measuring Pumps sealed, | 13 |
| Number of Yard Sticks sealed, | 5 |

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| Salary from Town of Bethel, | \$50 00 |
| Salary from Town of Hanover, | 15 00 |
| Salary from Town of Newry, | 15 00 |
| Salary from Town of Gilead, | 10 00 |

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| | \$90 00 |
| Use of standards, | \$15 00 |
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| | \$75 00 |

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| Received in Town of Bethel, | \$23 64 |
| Received in Town of Hanover, | 15 00 |
| Received in Town of Newry, | 15 00 |
| Received in Town of Gilead, | 10 00 |
| 272 Balance Paid by Town, | 11 36 |

\$75 00

A. VAN DEN KERCKHOVEN,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation, | \$200 00 |
| Unexpended, 1916, | 623 13 |
| Overlay in assessing, | 52 41 |
| Supplementary tax, | 58 68 |
| License, H. N. Bragdon, | 5 00 |
| License, L. W. Lavorgna, | 10 00 |
| State, Dog tax refunded, | 50 72 |
| R. R. and Telegraph tax, | 245 40 |
| Tax deed and costs paid, | 158 97 |
| Interest on deposits, | 43 32 |
| Rent of corn shop property, | 50 00 |
| Rent of town farm to Feb. 1, 1918, | 80 30 |
| Rec'd road machine wheels sold, | 5 00 |
| Sewer connections, | 118 80 |

Available, \$1,701 73

Expended.

| No. | | |
|-------------|---|---------|
| 22 | Paid A. S. Chapman, lighting bridge, | \$ 2 00 |
| 31 | Paid F. B. Merrill, printing re- ports, | 114 40 |
| Part of 43 | Paid F. A. Brown, postage on reports, | 1 61 |
| 59 | Paid C. F. Shaw, water tub ser- vice, | 2 00 |
| 62 | Paid Loring, Short & Harmon, town books, | 15 70 |
| 75 | Paid T. C. Chapman, reporting vital statistics, | 3 00 |
| 85 | Paid F. B. Merrill, order books, budget reports, etc., | 13 50 |
| 90 | Paid G. T. Railroad, freight on road machine, | 10 46 |
| 109 | Paid W. and L. E. Gurley, sup- plies, S. of W. & M., | 2 68 |
| 144 | Paid Traffic Sign and Signal Co., | 24 75 |
| Part of 150 | Paid F. A. Brown, transportation to Milton, 2 trips, | 6 00 |
| Part of 150 | Paid F. A. Brown, post- age and supplies, | 3 19 |
| 157 | Paid N. E. Richardson, expen- ses to Portland, | 4 50 |
| 158 | Paid Guy Davis, freight and cartage, | 1 40 |
| 165 | Paid Bethel Savings Bank, rent, | 70 00 |
| Part of 173 | Paid F. H. Byram, office supplies, | 10 33 |
| 174 | Paid F. B. Howe, expenses to assessors meeting, | 5 15 |
| 175 | Paid Ben Goodwin, boat for ferry, | 25 00 |
| 184 | Paid Merrill, Springer Co., lights for lock-up, | 4 50 |
| 185 | Paid Bethel Water Co., | 75 00 |
| 187 | Paid tax in Newry, | 5 74 |
| Part of 107 | Paid G. L. Thurston & Son, supplies, | 1 40 |

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| 197 | Paid N. F. Brown Estate, supplies for town farm, | 1 33 |
| 201 | Paid Merrill, Springer Co., wiring light, Cor M. & C., | 13 62 |
| Part of 134 | Paid F. A. Brown, stamps and freight, | 1 81 |
| 211 | Paid F. B. Merrill, posting notice, publishing warrant, | 4 50 |
| 213 | Paid E. H. Barker, ballot clerk, | 2 50 |
| 214 | Paid A. F. Chapman, ballot clerk, | 2 50 |
| 215 | Paid C. K. Fox, election clerk, | 2 50 |
| 216 | Paid R. B. Thurston, election clerk, | 2 50 |
| 223 | Paid Edson Bartlett, water tub service, | 5 00 |
| 224 | Paid G. K. Hastings, water tub service, | 5 00 |
| 226 | Paid A. Van Den Kerckhoven, expenses to Augusta Convention, | 7 85 |
| Part of 233 | Paid F. A. Brown, postage and supplies, | 2 61 |
| 234 | Paid A. G. Donham, Maine Register, | 2 50 |
| 185 | Paid Geo. W. Mason, water tub service, | 5 00 |
| 250 | Paid W. and L. E. Gurley, supplies for S. of W. & M., | 6 36 |
| 251 | Paid Edwards & Walker, screen for gravel, | 5 50 |
| Part of 196 | Paid Seth L. Mason, doors at ferry house, | 3 25 |
| 257 | Paid F. B. Merrill, envelopes and order books, | 7 85 |
| 261 | Paid J. H. Little, reporting vital statistics, | 6 00 |
| 262 | Paid Loring, Short & Harmon, Maine statistics, | 3 30 |
| 265 | Paid Bethel Water Co., water to July 1, 1918, | 75 00 |
| 266 | Paid H. H. Hastings, water tub service, | 5 00 |

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| 267 | Paid Eli F. Stearns, posts and driveway, 1915-16, | 6 50 |
| 269 | Paid Merrill, Springer Co., lights for lock-up, | 4 50 |
| Part of 219 | Paid F. A. Brown, postage and supplies as per bill, | 4 41 |
| 275 | Paid C. and H. Burgess, repairs at town farm, | 9 11 |
| 271 | Paid M. J. Marshall, lighting and care of bridge, | 22 00 |
| 276 | Paid Gilbert Tuell, doors for ferry house, | 9 25 |
| Part of 273 | Paid abatement of taxes, 1914, | 7 10 |
| 273 | Paid abatement of taxes, 1915, | 12 63 |
| 273 | Paid abatement of taxes, 1916, | 20 30 |
| 273 | Paid abatement of taxes, 1917, errors in valuation, | 94 85 |
| 278 | Paid Dr. I. H. Wight, reporting vital statistics, | 15 50 |
| Part of 279 | Paid C. L. Davis, dog tax bills served, 1915-17, | 5 00 |
| | Lock-up account, page 146, | 52 72 |
| 280 | Paid Wesley Wheeler, reporting vital statistics, | 18 90 |
| 281 | Paid John S. Burbank, booths, | 3 00 |
| | Interest on loan, | 59 17 |

\$918 78

Unexpended,

\$782 95

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS PAID.

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| Appropriation, | \$2,000 00 |
| Overexpended, 1916, | 331 80 |

Available, 1917,

\$1,668 20

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| Part of 43 | Paid F. A. Brown, Se- | |
| | lectman, | \$251 25 |
| Part of 43 | Paid F. A. Brown, to | |
| | March 5th, | 23 75 |
| Part of 44 | Paid N. E. Richardson, | |
| | Selectman, | 140 00 |
| Part of 44 | Paid N. E. Richardson, | |
| | Selectman, | 18 75 |
| Part of 45 | Paid F. B. Howe, Se- | |
| | lectman, | 140 00 |
| Part of 45 | Paid F. B. Howe, Se- | |
| | lectman, | 12 50 |
| 46 | Paid N. F. Brown, Treasurer, | 50 00 |
| 47 | Paid D. G. Lovejoy, Clerk, | 35 00 |
| 48 | Paid W. W. Hastings, Auditor, | 6 00 |
| 49 | Paid I. H. Wight, Board of Health, | 10 00 |
| 50 | Paid E. C. Park, Board of Health, | 5 00 |
| 51 | Paid C. M. Kimball, Board of Health, | 3 00 |
| 52 | Paid J. U. Purington, Trustee, | 6 00 |
| 53 | Paid W. C. Garey, Fire Ward, | |
| | bal., | 6 00 |
| 54 | Paid A. Van Den Kerckhoven, | |
| | Sealer of W. and M., | 9 74 |

 \$716 99
OFFICERS' BILLS PAID, 1917.

No.

| | | |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| 32 | Paid F. H. Byram, | \$20 84 |
| 66 | Paid F. H. Byram, | 20 83 |
| 84 | Paid G. H. Swan, Truant Officer, | 3 00 |
| 122 | Paid F. H. Byram, | 20 84 |
| Part of 150 | Paid F. A. Brown, 34 | |
| | days Road Commissioner, | 102 00 |
| 151 | F. H. Byram, | 20 83 |
| Part of 173 | Paid F. H. Byram, | 20 83 |
| 186 | Paid F. A. Brown, 35 days Road | |
| | Commissioner, | 105 00 |

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| Part of 134 | Paid F. A. Brown, 23 days Road Commissioner, | 69 00 |
| 233 | Paid F. A. Brown, 8 days Road Commissioner, | 24 00 |
| School 147 | Paid W. E. Benscoter, | 15 83 |
| School 186 | Paid W. E. Benscoter, | 15 83 |
| 231 | Paid W. C. Garey, Fire Ward, | 18 00 |
| Part of 219 | Paid F. A. Brown, 18 days Road Commissioner, | 54 00 |
| 272 | Paid A. Van Den Kerckhoven, Sealer of W. and M., | 11 36 |
| School 214 | Paid W. E. Benscoter, salary for November, | 15 83 |
| School 271 | Paid W. E. Benscoter, salary for December, | 15 83 |
| 283 | Paid F. A. Brown, 2 days Road Commissioner, | 6 00 |
| School 326 | Paid W. E. Benscoter, January salary, | 15 83 |
| 274 | Paid F. B. Hall, collecting taxes, | 257 37 |

\$833 05

\$1,550 04

Unexpended,

\$118 16
TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS DUE.

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| Frank A. Brown, Selectman, | \$212 50 |
| N. E. Richardson, Selectman, | 150 00 |
| F. B. Howe, Selectman, | 130 00 |
| N. F. Brown Estate, Treasurer 3 mos., | 25 00 |
| H. H. Hastings, Treasurer, | 75 00 |
| Wesley Wheeler, Clerk, | 35 00 |
| C. K. Fox, Auditor, | 6 00 |
| I. H. Wight, Board of Health, | 10 00 |
| E. C. Park, Board of Health, | 5 00 |
| C. M. Kimball, Board of Health, | 3 00 |
| J. U. Purington, M. and S. Fund, | 6 00 |

\$657 50

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN.**Assets.**

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Cash in Treas. hands, Feb. 1, 1918, | \$4,778 67 |
| Tax deeds owned by town, | 70 14 |
| Due from uncollected taxes, 1914, | 87 38 |
| Due from uncollected taxes, 1915, | 73 24 |
| Due from uncollected taxes, 1916, | 2 00 |
| Due from uncollected taxes, 1917, | 929 30 |
| Value of town farm and property, | 2,892 85 |
| Value of corn shop property, | 2,500 00 |
| Value of pest house property, | 300 00 |
| Value of ferry property, | 350 00 |
| Machinery and tools, | 700 00 |
| Value lock-up, | 500 00 |
| Sidewalk abutters, | 11 25 |
| Due from W. J. Upson, % roads, 1916, | 150 00 |
| Due from State, % poor, | 286 34 |
| Due from Milton, tuition, | 200 00 |
| Due from town of Mason, tuition, | 15 00 |
| Due from Town of Gilead, tuition, | 50 00 |

\$13,896 17

Liabilities.

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| Bonds bearing interest, 4 per cent, | \$8,000 00 |
| Interest to Feb. 1, 1918, | 26 67 |
| Town officers' bills due, | 657 50 |
| Outstanding bills, estimated, | 350 00 |
| Outstanding orders, | 112 56 |

\$9,146 73

Assets over liabilities,

\$4,749 44

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER

STATE AID ROAD.

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation by Town, | \$666 00 |
| Appropriation by State, | 612 72 |
| Unexpended by Town, 1916, | 72 99 |
| Unexpended by State, 1916, | 15 66 |
| Rec'd extra from State, 1917, | 7 31 |

Available for 1917,

\$1,374 68

No.

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| 220 | Paid N. E. Metal Culvert Co., | \$169 60 |
| Part of 1 | Paid Fred Douglass, labor, | 10 00 |
| 2 | Paid E. H. Brown, labor, | 10 00 |
| 3 | Paid Fred Kilgore, labor, | 20 00 |
| 4 | Paid A. J. Stearns, | 10 00 |
| 5 | Paid Philip Brown, | 5 00 |
| Part of 6 | Paid J. C. Eagle, | 10 00 |
| 8 | Paid E. H. Brown, | 12 50 |
| 9 | Paid Fred Kilgore, | 15 00 |
| 10 | Paid A. J. Stearns, | 7 50 |
| 11 | Paid Philip Brown, | 7 50 |
| Part of 12 | Paid Fred Douglass, | 20 00 |
| 13 | Paid J. C. Eagle, | 12 50 |
| Part of 14 | Paid W. R. Chapman, | 10 00 |
| 15 | Paid Guy Bemis, | 10 00 |
| 16 | Paid Cleve Waterhouse, | 12 50 |
| 17 | Paid F. A. Brown, | 43 50 |
| 18 | Paid Fred Kilgore, | 27 50 |
| 19 | Paid A. J. Stearns, | 13 75 |
| 20 | Paid Philip Brown, | 6 25 |
| 21 | Paid J. C. Eagle, | 13 75 |
| 22 | Paid Guy Bemis, | 11 25 |
| 23 | Paid C. Waterhouse, | 13 75 |
| Part of 24 | Paid Fred Douglass, | 22 50 |

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| 25 | Paid E. H. Brown, | 11 25 |
| 26 | Paid E. H. Brown, | 10 00 |
| 27 | Paid Fred Kilgore, | 25 00 |
| 28 | Paid A. J. Stearns, | 12 50 |
| 29 | Paid Fred Douglass, | 25 00 |
| 30 | Paid J. C. Eagle, | 12 50 |
| 31 | Paid Guy Bemis, | 10 00 |
| Part of 32 | Paid C. Waterhouse, | 12 50 |
| 33 | Paid E. H. Brown, | 15 00 |
| 34 | Paid Fred Kilgore, | 30 00 |
| 35 | Paid A. J. Stearns, | 15 00 |
| 36 | Paid Fred Douglass, | 30 00 |
| 37 | Paid J. C. Eagle, | 15 00 |
| 38 | Paid Guy Bemis, | 15 00 |
| 39 | Paid C. Waterhouse, | 15 00 |
| 40 | Paid H. B. Lowell, | 12 50 |
| 41 | Paid C. W. Godwin, | 25 00 |
| 42 | Paid W. G. Emery, | 25 00 |
| 43 | Paid A. J. Hutchinson, | 10 00 |
| 44 | Paid E. G. Annis, | 20 00 |
| 45 | Paid L. U. Bartlett, | 15 00 |
| 46 | Paid Lester Mason, | 5 00 |
| 47 | Paid Lester Mason, | 2 50 |
| 48 | Paid A. J. Hutchinson, | 2 50 |
| 48 | Paid F. A. Brown, | 51 00 |
| 49 | Paid E. H. Brown, | 2 50 |
| 50 | Paid Fred Kilgore, | 5 00 |
| Part of 51 | Paid A. J. Stearns, | 12 50 |
| 52 | Paid Fred Douglass, | 25 00 |
| 53 | Paid J. C. Eagle, | 12 50 |
| 54 | Paid Guy Bemis, | 5 00 |
| 55 | Paid H. B. Lowell, | 2 50 |
| 56 | Paid C. W. Godwin, | 10 00 |
| 57 | Paid E. G. Annis, | 20 00 |
| 58 | Paid C. Waterhouse, | 7 50 |
| 59 | Paid A. F. Copeland, cedar posts, | 20 00 |
| Part of 207 | Paid F. J. Tyler, 5 iron posts, 54 lbs. at 7c, | 3 78 |
| 60 | Paid J. U. Purington, cement and nails, | 22 55 |

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| 61 | Paid E. E. Bennett, | 21 87 |
| Part of 62 | Paid G. L. Thurston & Son, dynamite and tile, | 41 05 |
| 63 | Paid Fred Douglass, | 25 00 |
| 64 | Paid E. G. Annis, | 25 00 |
| 65 | Paid A. J. Stearns, | 2 50 |
| 66 | Paid Lester Mason, | 2 50 |
| 67 | Paid Guy Bemis, | 5 00 |
| Part of 68 | Paid J. C. Eagle, | 10 50 |
| 69 & 70 | Paid C. Waterhouse, | 15 00 |
| 71 | Paid J. U. Purington, cement, | 1 38 |
| 72 | Paid F. A. Brown, | 30 00 |
| 73 | Paid Fred Douglass, | 20 00 |
| 74 | Paid E. G. Annis, | 16 25 |
| 75 | Paid Guy Bemis, | 12 50 |
| 76 | Paid J. C. Eagle, | 12 50 |
| 77 | Paid Berlin Mills Co., 2x5 spruce, | 59 16 |
| 78 | Paid G. T. R., freight on lumber, | 6 83 |
| 79 | Paid G. L. Thurston & Son, spikes and bolts, | 3 20 |
| 80 | Paid E. E. Bennett, 979 1-2 yards gravel, | 97 95 |
| Part of 192 | Paid F. L. Edwards, 247 ft. pine forms, | 6 17 |

\$1,479 29

Overdrawn,

\$104 61

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| Length of road built, | 2,100 ft. |
| Continuation of 1910 State aid road, | 500 ft. |

Total number of feet built in 1917, 2,600 ft.

After completing the 2,100 feet and connecting with the good road, we found we had a few dollars unexpended of the appropriation, and decided it advisable to overrun a little and fix the Chamberlain hill so called. Now we have a good road bed from the village to Sunday River bridge.

The recommendation for the State aid road for the year 1918 is that the money be spent on road most needed between Sunday River bridge and the Newry line.

COVERING SAND AT MIDDLE INTERVALE.**Money Expended by A. M. Carter.**

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| Appropriation, | | \$600 00 |
| 143 Paid L. U. Bartlett, labor, | \$15 00 | |
| 148 Paid John Coolidge, labor, | 20 00 | |
| 152 Paid G. L. Thurston & Son, sup- plies, | 21 85 | |
| 161 Paid E. M. Carter, labor, | 80 00 | |
| 162 Paid Dana Hall, labor, | 28 75 | |
| 166 Paid Charles Kimball, labor, | 2 50 | |
| 167 Paid John Coolidge, labor, | 25 00 | |
| 167 Paid Frank P. Abbott, labor, | 25 00 | |
| 168 Paid Berlin Mills Co., supplies, | 7 20 | |
| 169 Paid C. M. Annis, labor, | 75 00 | |
| 176 Paid E. M. Carter, labor, | 155 00 | |
| 180 Paid Wm. Gunther, labor, | 84 00 | |
| 182 Paid Harold Bartlett, labor, | 5 00 | |
| 206 Paid Mrs. H. Sanborn, gravel, | 35 00 | |
| Part of 252 Paid L. U. Bartlett, | 17 50 | |
| Part of 252 Paid A. M. Carter, cash paid out, | 6 75 | |
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| | | \$603 55 |
| Overdrawn, | | <hr/> |
| | | \$3 55 |

SNOW BILLS.**Breaking Roads, Feb. 1, 1917, to Apr. 1, 1917.**

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| Appropriation, | \$1,000 00 | |
| Overdrawn, 1916, | 559 80 | |
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| Available for 1917, | | \$440 20 |
| 3 Paid W. G. Holt, | \$47 50 | |
| 4 Paid A. J. Smith, | 6 38 | |
| Part of 5 Paid G. B. Mills, crossing land, | 10 00 | |
| 8 Paid Sam Mayconnell, | 9 80 | |
| 9 Paid Lloyd Thompson, | 4 00 | |
| 11 Paid W. D. Mills, | 24 75 | |

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| 13 | Paid J. P. Mather, | 24 75 |
| 14 | Paid A. R. Mason, | 4 50 |
| 19 | Paid Olive Bennett, | 24 75 |
| 15 | Paid M. F. Tyler, | 20 00 |
| 16 | Paid Clyde Whitman, | 18 00 |
| 17 | Paid A. L. Whitman, | 10 00 |
| 18 | Paid E. B. Whitman, | 10 00 |
| 19 | Paid I. E. McAllister, | 10 90 |
| 20 | Paid B. C. Burbank, | 7 10 |
| 21 | Paid C. F. Abbott, | 7 00 |
| 23 | Paid True Eames, | 12 00 |
| 24 | Paid R. R. Mayberry, | 4 60 |
| 25 | Paid Fred Kilgore, | 22 25 |
| 26 | Paid F. L. Chapman, | 9 00 |
| 27 | Paid Seth L. Mason, | 3 00 |
| 28 | Paid L. A. Sumner, | 2 00 |
| 29 | Paid Guy Bemis, | 3 00 |
| 30 | Paid Fred Howard, | 1 00 |
| 33 | Paid W. H. Hutchinson, | 11 00 |
| 34 | Paid Alton Hutchinson, | 2 00 |
| 35 | Paid Karl Stearns, | 3 00 |
| 36 | Paid N. A. Stearns, | 6 40 |
| 37 | Paid Fred Mundt, | 3 20 |
| 38 | Paid C. L. Whitman, | 3 00 |
| 39 | Paid M. F. Tyler, | 3 00 |
| 40 | Paid J. P. Mather, | 4 50 |
| 41 | Paid Olive Bennett, | 4 50 |
| 42 | Paid W. D. Mills, | 3 50 |
| 43 | Paid F. A. Brown, | 3 00 |
| 55 | Paid Sam Mayconnell, | 7 40 |
| 56 | Paid Lester Coolidge, | 2 00 |
| 57 | Paid Geo. H. Swan, | 2 80 |
| 65 | Paid C. R. Cole, | 4 40 |
| 67 | Paid C. L. Whitman, | 14 00 |
| 68 | Paid M. F. Tyler, | 14 00 |
| 69 | Paid I. E. McAllister, | 7 40 |
| 70 | Paid W. G. Holt, | 43 00 |
| 71 | Paid Almon E. Tyler, | 7 55 |
| 72 | Paid W. D. Mills, | 24 25 |
| 73 | Paid Olive Bennett, | 14 65 |

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| 74 | Paid J. P. Mather, | 15 50 |
| 78 | Paid T. B. Burke, | 33 60 |
| 79 | Paid H. L. Powers, | 9 88 |
| 80 | Paid Walter Brinck, | 3 00 |
| 81 | Paid Lyman Wheeler, | 4 00 |
| 82 | Paid True Brown, | 9 00 |
| Part of 86 | Paid F. L. Chapman, | 7 00 |
| 87 | Paid Harold Powers, | 5 00 |
| 88 | Paid E. M. Carter, | 25 00 |
| 89 | Paid J. H. Carter, | 40 00 |
| 91 | Paid L. U. Bartlett, | 7 50 |
| 92 | Paid N. A. Stearns, | 8 00 |
| 93 | Paid C. C. Eames, | 5 00 |
| 94 | Paid R. Mayberry, | 2 40 |
| 95 | Paid W. H. Hutchinson, | 12 80 |
| 96 | Paid Evander Whitman, | 16 00 |
| 97 | Paid I. E. McAllister, | 9 00 |
| 98 | Paid Clyde Whitman, | 8 00 |
| 99 | Paid Maurice Tyler, | 10 00 |
| 100 | Paid A. B. Grover, | 15 50 |
| 101 | Paid Jacob Corbett, | 12 21 |
| 103 | Paid True Eames, | 12 25 |
| 104 | Paid Herbert Burgess, | 4 50 |
| 107 | Paid Dan C. Estes, | 22 00 |
| 81 | Paid Ellis Annis, | 40 00 |
| 108 | Paid A. L. Swan, | 5 30 |
| Part of 110 | Paid Thomas E. Westleigh, | 18 12 |
| Part of 110 | Paid H. Merrill, | 5 62 |
| 111 | Paid Stephen Westleigh, | 10 00 |
| 112 | Paid Thomas Burris, | 7 50 |
| 113 | Paid Elliott Estes, | 19 70 |
| 114 | Paid Frank E. Brooks, | 11 25 |
| 115 | Paid D. C. Foster, | 6 50 |
| 117 | Paid Isaiah Coburn, | 7 50 |
| 118 | Paid Frank Osgood, | 3 00 |
| 119 | Paid B. C. Burbank, | 7 75 |
| 121 | Paid Josiah French, | 4 95 |
| 124 | Paid R. L. Swan, | 26 00 |
| Part of 125 | Paid Guy Bartlett, | 3 00 |
| Part of 125 | Paid J. H. Swan, | 19 25 |

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| 127 | Paid G. K. Hastings, | 23 80 |
| 128 | Paid Sam Mayconnell, | 5 60 |
| Part of 3 | Paid Fred Kilgore, | 9 00 |
| Part of 4 | Paid H. S. Bennett, | 5 00 |
| 141 | Paid E. E. Chase, | 10 00 |
| 142 | Paid Fred Douglass, | 50 00 |
| 97 | Paid Frank Brooks, | 17 60 |
| 104 | Paid A. W. Bean, | 7 25 |
| 146 | Paid S. L. Grover, | 15 90 |
| 153 | Paid Geo. S. Magill, | 15 20 |
| 154 | Paid Geo. J. Hapgood, | 10 00 |
| 155 | Paid W. L. Farwell, | 3 00 |
| 59 | Paid Homer Bartlett, | 80 |
| 160 | Paid E. L. Buck, | 9 60 |
| 163 | Paid Otis Estes, | 7 30 |
| Part of 58 | Paid Alfred Hobbs, | 1 80 |
| 170 | Paid Walter G. Emery, | 13 11 |
| 177 | Paid H. S. Hutchins, | 1 00 |
| 178 | Paid F. C. Bean, | 1 00 |
| 183 | Paid F. C. Verrill, | 14 50 |
| 189 | Paid B. F. Hutchins, | 5 40 |
| 198 | Paid F. Vetquosky, | 16 00 |
| Part of 141 | Paid H. F. Maxim, | 8 50 |
| 170 | Paid C. P. Day, | 2 50 |
| 176 | Paid C. F. Abbott, | 10 80 |
| 106 | Paid Floyd Coolidge, | 2 00 |
| 123 | Paid A. R. Merrill, | 6 60 |
| 239 | Paid Geo. J. Hapgood, | 19 75 |
| Part of 185 | Paid Geo. W. Mason, | 60 |
| 245 | Paid C. L. Davis, | 11 00 |
| Part of 187 | Paid H. O. Blake, | 6 75 |
| 198 | Paid W. B. Bartlett, | 1 00 |
| 199 | Paid A. M. Bean, | 14 00 |
| Part of 200 | Paid Porter Farwell, | 27 15 |
| 258 | Paid A. R. Smith, | 6 89 |
| 259 | Paid Wm. Lowe, | 3 75 |

\$1,342 56

Overdrawn,

\$902 36

REPORT OF TREASURER

Treasurer's Report, N. F. Brown.

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| Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1917, | \$4,961 20 |
| Rec'd from sewer connections, | 40 00 |
| F. B. Hall, Collector, | 500 00 |
| Town of Mason, tuition, | 8 00 |
| J. U. Purington, M. and S. fund, | 28 65 |
| Interest on deposits, | 19 39 |
| Town of Gilead, tuition, | 45 20 |
| State Treasurer, Milton poor, | 252 70 |
| W. A. Emery, tax deed, | 131 00 |
| Town of Greenwood, tuition, | 8 32 |
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| | \$5,994 46 |

Henry H. Hastings, Treasurer.

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| Rec'd cash on check book, | \$695 65 |
| Rec'd from State Treasurer, Milton poor, | 91 00 |
| Bethel National Bank, loans, | 4,000 00 |
| F. B. Hall, tax sales, | 1 50 |
| City of Portland, care D. S. Abbott, | 127 00 |
| H. N. Bragdon, license, | 5 00 |
| A. S. Kennerson, tax deed, | 8 47 |
| F. H. Byram, books sold, | 3 11 |
| State Treas., % Milton poor, | 91 00 |
| State Treas., Public Library Fund, | 30 00 |
| L. Lavorgna, license, | 10 00 |
| Connections with sewer, | 78 80 |
| Town of Greenwood, books sold, | 6 19 |
| State Treasurer, secondary schools, | 500 00 |
| State Treasurer, pensions, | 228 00 |
| State Treasurer, town highways, | 50 00 |
| State Treasurer, State aid road, | 635 69 |
| State Treasurer, damage to domestic ani- mals, | 335 00 |

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| C. G. Blake, wheels sold, | 5 00 |
| Town of Gilead, tuition, | 32 50 |
| E. J. Bell, tax deed, | 18 00 |
| F. J. Tyler, rent, corn shop, | 50 00 |
| F. B. Hall, Collector, 1916, | 237 72 |
| F. B. Hall, Collector, 1917, | 25,000 00 |
| Interest on deposits, | 23 93 |
| Wesley Wheeler, dog tax, | 86 00 |
| State Treas., dog tax refunded, | 50 72 |
| State Treas., R. R. and Tel. tax, | 245 40 |
| State Treas., school and mill tax, | 1,537 25 |
| State Treas., common school fund, | 1,750 06 |
| J. U. Purington, M. and S. fund, | 28 65 |
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| | \$35,961 64 |

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Treasurer's Report, N. F. Brown.

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| By paid coupons on bonds, | \$80 00 |
| tax deeds, | 199 26 |
| State pensions, | 45 00 |
| cancelled orders, | 4,974 55 |
| By cash on hand to balance, | 695 65 |
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| | \$5,994 46 |

Henry H. Hastings, Treasurer.

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| By paid coupons on bonds, | \$300 00 |
| State Treasurer, dog licenses, | 86 00 |
| orders cancelled, | 4,142 35 |
| Bethel Nat. Bank, loans and interest, | 1,016 67 |
| County Treas., county tax, | 1,853 29 |
| orders cancelled, | 7,343 26 |
| State Treas., State tax, | 6,546 27 |
| Bethel National Bank, loan and interest, | 1,020 80 |
| Bethel National Bank, loan and interest, | 1,013 70 |
| Bethel National Bank, loan and interest, | 504 15 |
| Bethel National Bank, loan and interest, | 503 85 |
| cancelled orders, | 4,625 91 |
| State pensions, | 183 00 |

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| orders cancelled, | 2,037 39 |
| postage and ink pad, | 6 33 |
| By cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1918, | 4,778 67 |
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| | \$35,961 64 |

February 9, 1917.

We, the undersigned, certify that we have carefully examined the above account and find it correct, and there is in the Treasurer's hands four thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight dollars and sixty-seven cents, \$4,778.67.

FRANK A. BROWN,
N. E. RICHARDSON,
F. B. HOWE,

Selectmen of Bethel.

Accounts examined and found correct,

C. K. FOX, Auditor, Appointed.

February 11, 1918.

SUMMARY.

Roads and Bridges.

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| Appropriation, 1917, | \$5,000 00 | |
| Over expended, 1916, | 916 11 | |
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| | | \$4,083 89 |
| Received from State for town roads, | | \$50 00 |
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| Available for 1917, | | \$4,133 89 |
| | Expended by | |
| Fred Douglass, 1916, | \$9 11 | |
| J. H. Swan, 1916, | 9 00 | |
| W. D. Mills, 1916, | 12 50 | |
| Frank A. Brown, 1917, | 5,313 06 | |
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| | | \$5,343 66 |
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| Over expended, | | \$1,209 77 |

Expended by Fred Douglass.

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| No. | | | |
| 61 | Paid J. U. Purington, | \$ | 60 |
| 232 | Paid M. J. Marshall, | | 7 00 |
| Part of 258 | Paid A. R. Smith, | | 1 50 |

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Expended by J. H. Swan.

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| No. | | | |
| 60 | Paid B. F. Hutchins, | \$6 | 00 |
| 61 | Paid E. A. Trask, | | 3 00 |

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Expended by W. D. Mills.

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| No. | | | |
| Part of 86 | Paid F. L. Chapman, | | \$12 50 |

Expended by Frank A. Brown.

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| No. | | | |
| 1 | Paid L. U. Bartlett, cutting bushes, | \$15 | 00 |
| 2 | Paid F. L. Ordway, labor with team, | 8 | 00 |
| Part of 3 | Paid Fred Kilgore, labor with team, | 36 | 00 |
| 4 | Paid H. S. Bennett, labor with team, | 32 | 62 |
| 4 | Paid H. S. Bennett, labor with team, | 3 | 00 |
| 5 | Paid A. G. Smith, labor, | 9 | 00 |
| 6 | Paid C. Waterhouse, labor, | 11 | 25 |
| 7 | Paid Harry Vashaw, labor with team, | 17 | 50 |
| 8 | Paid M. J. Marshall, labor with team, | 14 | 45 |
| 9 | Paid Joseph Vashaw, labor, | 6 | 75 |
| 10 | Paid Roy Lane, labor, | 4 | 50 |
| 11 | Paid Maurice Tyler, labor with team, | 14 | 00 |
| 12 | Paid I. E. McAllister, labor, | 8 | 00 |
| 13 | Paid W. H. Hutchinson, labor, | 6 | 00 |

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| 14 | Paid Fred Kilgore, labor with two teams, | 46 00 |
| 15 | Paid C. Waterhouse, labor, | 13 50 |
| 16 | Paid W. G. Holt, labor with team, | 26 65 |
| 17 | Paid C. Farrington, labor, | 2 25 |
| 18 | Paid Fred Douglass, labor with team, | 55 63 |
| 19 | Paid Fred Kilgore, labor with team, | 30 63 |
| 20 | Paid Cleve Waterhouse, labor, | 13 50 |
| 21 | Paid Harry Vashaw, labor with team, | 24 50 |
| 22 | Paid Joseph Vashaw, labor, | 9 56 |
| 23 | Paid M. J. Marshall, labor with team, | 17 00 |
| 24 | Paid J. P. Skillings, labor with team, | 12 00 |
| 25 | Paid B. C. Burbank, labor with team, | 8 00 |
| 26 | Paid E. H. Brown, labor, | 36 00 |
| 27 | Paid C. Waterhouse, labor, | 9 00 |
| Part of 28 | Paid W. G. Holt, labor with team, | 20 00 |
| Part of 28 | Paid J. Bartlett, labor, | 2 25 |
| Part of 28 | Paid Ben Tyler, labor, | 3 38 |
| Part of 28 | Paid Edgar Coolidge, la- bor with team, | 2 25 |
| Part of 29 | Paid W. G. Holt, labor with team, | 10 00 |
| Part of 29 | Paid W. G. Holt, boarding man and team, | 6 80 |
| Part of 29 | Paid Paid B. Tyler, labor, | 4 50 |
| Part of 29 | Paid J. Bartlett, labor, | 2 25 |
| 29 | Paid Homer Bartlett, labor, | 4 50 |
| 29 | Paid C. Parker, labor, | 3 38 |
| 30 | Paid H. M. Brown, labor, | 1 50 |
| 31 | Paid Fred Howard, labor, | 2 25 |
| 32 | Paid E. H. Brown, labor, | 21 25 |
| 33 | Paid C. Waterhouse, labor, | 10 00 |
| 34 | Paid W. Thayer, labor with team, | 39 75 |

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| 35 | Paid Fred Kilgore, labor with team, | 42 50 |
| Part of 152 | Paid G. L. Thurston & Son, supplies, | 18 01 |
| Part of 36 | Paid Maurice Tyler, labor with team, | 5 00 |
| Part of 36 | Paid E. Whitman, labor, | 2 25 |
| 37 | Paid Fred Douglass, labor with team, | 10 00 |
| 38 | Paid Fred Kilgore, labor with team, | 30 00 |
| 39 | Paid W. Thayer, labor with team, | 30 00 |
| 40 | Paid C. Waterhouse, labor, | 13 50 |
| 41 | Paid Ira Bennett, labor with team, | 13 50 |
| 42 | Paid E. H. Brown, labor, | 13 50 |
| Part of 158 | Paid Guy Davis, labor, | 35 |
| 43 | Paid Fred Kilgore, labor with team, | 21 00 |
| 44 | Paid Woodbury Thayer, labor with team, | 21 00 |
| 45 | Paid E. H. Brown, labor, | 9 00 |
| 46 | Paid Cleve Waterhouse, labor, | 9 00 |
| 47 | Paid W. J. Douglass, shovel, | 1 00 |
| 48 | Paid F. B. Howe, boarding man, | 5 60 |
| 49 | Paid Otis Estes, labor with team, | 6 75 |
| 50 | Paid Dan C. Estes, labor, | 3 75 |
| 51 | Paid B. W. Kimball, labor, | 1 00 |
| 52 | Paid Fred Kilgore, labor with team, | 30 00 |
| 53 | Paid W. Thayer, labor with team, | 30 00 |
| 54 | Paid C. Waterhouse, labor, | 11 25 |
| 55 | Paid E. H. Brown, labor, | 13 50 |
| Part of 56 | Paid W. G. Holt, labor with team, | 36 10 |
| 56 | Paid Geo. Swan, labor with team, | 2 50 |
| Part of 56 | Paid F. C. Bean, labor, | 1 13 |
| Part of 56 | Paid J. Bartlett, labor, | 1 13 |
| Part of 56 | Paid John Holt, labor, | 2 25 |
| Part of 56 | Paid B. Hutchins, labor, | 2 00 |
| Part of 56 | Paid Dana Harrington, labor, | 1 13 |
| Part of 56 | Paid James Burhoe, labor, | 1 13 |
| Part of 56 | Paid Lester Bean, labor, | 1 25 |

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| Part of 56 | Paid B. Tyler, labor, | 2 | 25 |
| Part of 56 | Paid Homer Bartlett, labor, | 2 | 25 |
| Part of 56 | Paid J. Bartlett, labor, | | 75 |
| Part of 56 | Paid Harold Hutchins, labor, | 5 | 75 |
| 57 | Paid C. Kimball, cutting bushes, | 5 | 50 |
| 58 | Paid Fred Douglass, labor with team, | 30 | 00 |
| 59 | Paid Maurice Tyler, labor with team, | 10 | 00 |
| 60 | Paid F. C. Verrill, labor with team, | 44 | 75 |
| 61 | Paid J. C. Eagle, cutting bushes, | 7 | 88 |
| 62 | Paid M. Chapin, labor with team, | 10 | 00 |
| 63 | Paid P. Barker, labor, | 2 | 25 |
| 64 | Paid Roland Annis, labor, | 6 | 75 |
| 65 | Paid Geo. Hebbard, labor, | 4 | 50 |
| 66 | Paid E. G. Annis, labor with 2 teams, | 72 | 50 |
| 67 | Paid T. B. Burke, labor with team, | 24 | 04 |
| 68 | Paid J. P. Mather, labor with team, | 4 | 50 |
| 69 | Paid James Uhlman, stringers for bridge, | 1 | 50 |
| 70 | Paid R. Gilbert, labor, | 2 | 00 |
| 71 | Paid W. H. Hutchinson, labor, | 10 | 00 |
| 72 | Paid W. G. Emery, labor with 2 teams, | 146 | 12 |
| 73 | Paid Walter Brinck, labor, | 6 | 00 |
| 74 | Paid Fred Kilgore, labor with teams, | 25 | 00 |
| 75 | Paid Woodbury Thayer, labor with team, | 25 | 00 |
| 76 | Paid C. Waterhouse, labor, | 11 | 25 |
| 77 | Paid E. H. Brown, labor, | 11 | 25 |
| 78 | Paid J. Vashaw, labor, | 4 | 50 |
| 79 | Paid E. M. Carter, labor and plank, | 25 | 90 |
| 80 | Paid Clyde Whitman, cutting bush- es, | 9 | 00 |
| 81 | Paid Fred Mundt, cutting bushes, | 9 | 00 |
| 82 | Paid Maurice Tyler, cutting bushes, | 9 | 25 |

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| 83 | Paid H. S. Hutchins, labor, | 2 00 |
| 84 | Paid J. H. Swan, labor, | 5 00 |
| 85 | Paid Ira Bennett, labor with team, | 5 00 |
| 86 | Paid Fred Kilgore, labor with team, | 25 00 |
| 87 | Paid Woodbury Thayer, labor with team, | 25 00 |
| 88 | Paid C. Waterhouse, labor, | 11 25 |
| 89 | Paid E. H. Brown, labor, | 11 25 |
| 90 | Paid Fred Mundt, labor, | 3 00 |
| Part of 91 | Paid H. S. Bennett, labor with team, | 5 00 |
| Part of 91 | Paid Guy Bemis, labor, | 11 25 |
| 92 | Paid J. C. Eagle, cutting bushes, | 9 00 |
| 93 | Paid W. G. Holt, labor, | 3 60 |
| 94 | Paid G. K. Hastings, labor, | 9 60 |
| 95 | Paid N. E. Richardson, labor, | 1 50 |
| 96 | Paid John Howe, labor, | 3 37 |
| 97 | Paid Fred Kilgore, labor with team, | 30 00 |
| 98 | Paid W. Thayer, labor with team, | 30 00 |
| 99 | Paid C. Waterhouse, labor, | 14 50 |
| 100 | Paid E. H. Brown, labor, | 13 50 |
| 101 | Paid E. G. Annis, labor with team, | 2 75 |
| 102 | Paid Fred Douglass, labor with team, | 14 75 |
| 103 | Paid F. A. Brown, gasoline for road work, | 23 10 |
| 104 | Paid Geo. Osgood, labor with team, | 14 62 |
| 105 | Paid M. F. Tyler, labor with team, | 2 75 |
| 106 | Paid I. E. McAllister, plank, | 1 92 |
| Part of 107 | Paid G. L. Thurston & Son, tile, dynamite, etc., | 45 35 |
| 108 | Paid H. P. Vashaw, gravel and labor, | 50 53 |
| 109 | Paid Samuel Burhoe, cutting bushes, | 12 56 |
| 110 | Paid Samuel Mayconnell, labor with team, | 4 50 |
| 111 | Paid Fred Kilgore, labor with team, | 10 00 |

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| 112 | Paid M. F. Tyler, labor with team, | 5 00 |
| 113 | Paid D. C. Foster, labor with team, | 16 00 |
| 114 | Paid W. G. Holt, labor with team, | 24 00 |
| 115 | Paid E. H. Brown, labor, | 15 37 |
| 116 | Paid Fred Kilgore, labor with team, | 22 50 |
| 117 | Paid A. J. Stearns, labor, | 5 00 |
| 118 | Paid Philip Brown, labor, | 10 87 |
| 119 | Paid A. W. Bean, labor, | 1 75 |
| 120 | Paid Fred Douglass, labor with team, | 25 00 |
| 121 | Paid G. W. Davis, labor with team, | 1 50 |
| Part of 122 | Paid M. F. Tyler, labor with team, | 12 62 |
| Part of 122 | Paid I. E. McAllister, labor, | 3 37 |
| Part of 197 | Paid N. F. Brown Estate, supplies as per bill, | 7 77 |
| 123 | Paid L. A. York and E. H. York, labor with team, | 13 72 |
| Part of 1 | Paid Fred Douglass, labor with team, | 13 75 |
| Part of 2 | Paid E. H. Brown, labor, | 2 50 |
| Part of 6 | Paid J. C. Eagle, cutting bushes, | 2 50 |
| 124 | Paid Karl Stearns, labor, | 12 63 |
| 125 | Paid Clyde Whitman, labor with team, | 10 62 |
| 126 | Paid I. E. McAllister, labor, | 5 00 |
| 127 | Paid M. F. Tyler, labor with team, | 14 22 |
| 128 | Paid A. L. Whitman, labor, | 3 37 |
| Part of 129 | Paid F. Vetquosky, labor with team, | 66 00 |
| Part of 129 | Paid C. Jordan, labor, | 24 25 |
| 129 | Paid F. Vetquosky, plank, | 2 54 |
| 130 | Paid Almon Tyler, labor with team, | 18 50 |
| Part of 12 | Paid Fred Douglass, labor with team, | 5 00 |
| 14 | Paid W. R. Chapman, labor with team, | 5 00 |

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| 131 | Paid Walter Emery, labor with 2 teams, | 45 25 |
| 132 | Paid Shirley Chase, labor, | 8 00 |
| Part of 133 | Paid W. G. Holt, labor with team, | 31 78 |
| Part of 133 | Paid Judson Bartlett, la- bor, | 5 25 |
| Part of 133 | Paid Homer Bartlett, labor, | 2 25 |
| Part of 133 | Paid Ben Tyler, labor, | 3 00 |
| Part of 133 | Paid L. E. Cole labor, | 2 25 |
| Part of 133 | Paid F. C. Bean, labor, | 2 25 |
| Part of 133 | Paid Geo. Swan, labor with team, | 5 00 |
| Part of 133 | Paid Lester Coolidge, labor, | 1 13 |
| Part of 133 | Paid Edgar Coolidge, la- bor with team, | 2 50 |
| Part of 133 | Paid John Holt, labor, | 2 25 |
| Part of 133 | Paid Dana Harrington, la- bor, | 2 25 |
| Part of 134 | Paid F. A. Brown, gaso- line for road work, | 14 28 |
| 135 | Paid E. A. Barker, stringers for bridge, | 5 50 |
| Part of 136 | Paid E. G. Annis, labor with team, | 15 00 |
| Part of 24 | Paid Fred Douglass, la- bor with team, | 7 50 |
| Part of 25 | Paid E. H. Brown, labor, | 2 50 |
| 137 | Paid R. D. Hastings, cutting bushes, | 7 50 |
| Part of 27 | Paid Fred Kilgore, labor with team, | 5 00 |
| Part of 28 | Paid A. J. Stearns, labor, | 25 |
| Part of 32 | Paid C. Waterhouse, labor, | 25 |
| 138 | Paid Howard Thurston, plank, | 8 52 |
| 139 | Paid A. F. Copeland, plank, | 35 86 |
| 140 | Paid H. P. Merrill, cutting bushes, | 2 50 |
| Part of 57 | Paid E. G. Annis, labor with team, | 12 50 |
| Part of 51 | Paid A. J. Stearns, labor, | 2 50 |

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| 141 | Paid Geo. H. Swan, labor with team, | 5 00 |
| 142 | Paid Vear W. Bean, labor with team, | 72 80 |
| 143 | Paid H. F. Maxim, labor with team, | 53 40 |
| Part of 144 | Paid W. H. Hutchinson and sons, labor, | 12 50 |
| Part of 62 | Paid G. L. Thurston & Son, supplies, etc., | 2 70 |
| Part of 68 | Paid J. C. Eagle, cutting bushes, | 1 50 |
| 145 | Paid Floyd Coolidge, labor, | 12 26 |
| 146 | Paid R. D. Hastings, cutting bushes, | 2 50 |
| 147 | Paid H. P. Merrill, cutting bushes, | 7 50 |
| 148 | Paid C. G. Kimball, cutting bushes, | 2 50 |
| Part of 149 | Paid M. F. Tyler, labor with team, | 5 00 |
| Part of 149 | Paid Fred Mundt, labor, | 2 50 |
| 150 | Paid Samuel Burhoe, cutting bush- es, | 31 25 |
| 151 | Paid Berlin Mills Co., plank, | 38 00 |
| 152 | Paid G. T. R. Co., fgt. on plank, | 4 50 |
| 153 | Paid Willard Bennett, labor, | 5 00 |
| 154 | Paid E. E. Chase, labor with team, | 11 50 |
| 155 | Paid W. Swicker, labor with team, | 8 00 |
| 157 | Paid John Howe, cutting bushes, | 3 87 |
| 158 | Paid L. A. Sumner, labor with team, | 12 00 |
| 159 | Paid Guy Bemis, labor, | 5 00 |
| 160 | Paid J. C. Eagle, labor, | 5 00 |
| 161 | Paid T. B. Burke, labor with team, | 77 87 |
| 156 | Paid Walter Brinck, labor, | 6 25 |
| 162 | Paid F. A. Brown, gasoline for road work, | 17 64 |
| 163 | Paid J. C. Eagle, labor, | 2 50 |
| 164 | Paid Fred Douglass, labor with team, | 10 00 |
| 165 | Paid L. A. Sumner, labor, | 2 50 |
| 166 | Paid H. P. Merrill, cutting bushes, | 2 25 |

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| Part of 167 | Paid M. F. Tyler, labor with team, | 5 | 50 |
| 167 | Paid Clyde Whitman, labor with team, | 2 | 50 |
| 168 | Paid N. A. Stearns, labor with team, | 16 | 88 |
| 169 | Paid L. C. Stevens, labor with team, | 6 | 25 |
| 170 | Paid C. P. Day, labor with team, | 16 | 25 |
| 171 | Paid H. M. Osgood, labor, | 2 | 00 |
| 172 | Paid Ira Hickford, tending ferry, | 50 | 00 |
| 173 | Paid H. S. Hastings, gravel, | 4 | 50 |
| Part of 174 | Paid W. G. Holt, labor with team, | 12 | 50 |
| Part of 174 | Paid B. Hutchins, labor, | 1 | 25 |
| 174 | Paid J. Bartlett, labor, | 2 | 50 |
| 175 | Paid G. H. Swan, labor and gravel, | 32 | 05 |
| 176 | Paid C. F. Abbott, labor, | 5 | 20 |
| 177 | Paid Sam Mayconnell, labor with team, | 15 | 88 |
| 178 | Paid Geo. Haines, labor, | 2 | 25 |
| 179 | Paid F. C. Verrill, labor with team, | 5 | 00 |
| 180 | Paid E. E. Bennett, gravel, | 9 | 10 |
| 181 | Paid A. R. Merrill, labor with team, | 39 | 00 |
| 182 | Paid Geo. Hapgood, labor with team, | 9 | 00 |
| 183 | Paid W. L. Farwell, labor with team, | 14 | 50 |
| 184 | Paid Ira Hickford, tending ferry, | 53 | 95 |
| 185 | Paid G. W. Mason, cutting bushes and labor, | 13 | 75 |
| 186 | Paid F. C. Bean, labor, | 11 | 65 |
| Part of 187 | Paid H. O. Blake, labor with team, | 31 | 95 |
| Part of 187 | Paid O. Reed, labor, | 5 | 00 |
| 188 | Paid E. A. Trask, cutting bushes and labor, | 23 | 75 |
| 189 | Paid E. H. Ingalls, labor with team, | 22 | 00 |
| 190 | Paid H. S. Bennett, labor with team, | 19 | 90 |
| 191 | Paid True Eames, breaking roads, | 7 | 00 |
| Part of 192 | Paid F. L. Edwards, plank, | 241 | 73 |

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| 193 | Paid Vear W. Bean, labor with team, | 16 45 |
| 194 | Paid Clyde Whitman, breaking roads, | 7 50 |
| 195 | Paid M. F. Tyler, breaking roads, | 7 50 |
| Part of 200 | Paid Porter Farwell, labor on culvert, | 9 75 |
| 196 | Paid Seth L. Mason, breaking roads, | 6 25 |
| 197 | Paid Fred Clark, cutting bushes, | 3 25 |
| Part of 201 | Paid W. G. Holt, breaking roads, | 13 75 |
| Part of 201 | Paid W. E. Coolidge, breaking roads, | 10 00 |
| 201 | Paid Ben Hutchins, breaking roads, | 2 50 |
| 203 | Paid M. F. Tyler, breaking roads, | 9 59 |
| 204 | Paid Clyde Whitman, breaking roads, | 8 34 |
| 205 | Paid H. N. Head, spikes and supplies, | 1 10 |
| 206 | Paid C. Farrington, cutting bushes, | 8 00 |
| 207 | Paid F. J. Tyler, repairs, | 2 65 |
| 207 | Paid Lewis Merrill, | 7 45 |
| 208 | Paid E. G. Haines, breaking roads, | 17 50 |
| 209 | Paid H. M. Osgood, breaking roads, | 6 25 |
| Part of 210 | Paid F. Vetquosky, labor and plank, | 50 00 |
| Part of 210 | Paid C. Jordan, labor, | 18 75 |
| 211 | Paid Samuel Burhoe, labor, | 3 75 |
| 212 | Paid Z. W. Bartlett Estate, labor with team, | 26 87 |
| 213 | Paid Sam Mayconnell, breaking, | 14 00 |
| 214 | Paid B. C. Burbank, breaking, | 11 75 |
| 215 | Paid D. C. Estes, breaking, | 8 82 |
| 216 | Paid Clyde Whitman, breaking, | 24 91 |
| 217 | Paid M. F. Tyler, breaking, | 28 16 |
| 218 | Paid Seth L. Mason, breaking, | 18 50 |
| Part of 219 | Paid F. A. Brown, use of team, breaking, | 2 50 |

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| 219 | Paid Philip Brown, breaking, | 4 | 32 |
| 220 | Paid Fred Tyler, breaking, | 11 | 50 |
| 220 | Paid A. C. Hutchinson, breaking, | 11 | 00 |
| 221 | Paid W. H. Hutchinson, breaking, | 18 | 25 |
| 222 | Paid Geo. Osgood, breaking, | 17 | 41 |
| 223 | Paid H. M. Osgood, breaking, | 6 | 00 |
| Part of 224 | Paid N. E. Richardson, breaking, | 4 | 35 |
| 225 | Paid James Burhoe, breaking, | 6 | 25 |
| 226 | Paid Elden Mills, breaking, | 43 | 75 |
| 227 | Paid Myron Morrill, breaking, | 5 | 00 |
| 228 | Paid A. McKenzie, breaking, | 3 | 75 |
| 229 | Paid W. McKenzie, breaking, | 3 | 75 |
| 230 | Paid Lloyd Luxton, breaking, | 2 | 50 |
| 231 | Paid Thad Luxton, breaking, | 2 | 50 |
| 232 | Paid Thomas Burris, breaking, | 6 | 25 |
| 233 | Paid M. Bennett, breaking, | 1 | 25 |
| 234 | Paid Jack McKenzie, breaking, | 50 | 00 |
| 235 | Paid E. H. Morrill, breaking, | 47 | 50 |
| 236 | Paid Town of Mason, use of roller and machine, | 5 | 00 |
| Part of 237 | Paid E. J. Stearns, break- ing, | 37 | 25 |
| Part of 237 | Paid J. C. Eagle, breaking, | 21 | 25 |
| 238 | Paid B. F. Hutchins, breaking, | 6 | 68 |
| 239 | Paid M. F. Tyler, breaking, | 10 | 00 |
| 240 | Paid Clyde Whitman, breaking, | 7 | 50 |
| 241 | Paid E. G. Annis, breaking, | 27 | 50 |
| 242 | Paid A. B. Grover, breaking, | 33 | 37 |
| 243 | Paid Fred Douglass, breaking, | 63 | 00 |
| 244 | Paid Bethel Inn, breaking roads and walks, | 50 | 75 |
| 245 | Paid True Eames, breaking roads, | 5 | 56 |
| 246 | Paid Ernest Buck, breaking roads, | 59 | 75 |
| 247 | Paid T. B. Burke, | 29 | 68 |
| 248 | Paid R. Mayberry, breaking roads, | 11 | 47 |
| 249 | Paid H. P. Merrill, breaking roads, | 2 | 00 |
| 250 | Paid H. L. Powers, breaking roads, | 37 | 50 |
| 251 | Paid E. A. Barker, 4 stringers, | 2 | 25 |
| 252 | Paid D. R. Hastings, plank, | 20 | 62 |

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| 253 | Paid Othie Reed, breaking roads, | 6 | 62 |
| 254 | Paid W. C. Blake, breaking roads, | 42 | 96 |
| 255 | Paid Guy Bartlett, breaking roads, | 70 | 15 |
| 256 | Paid H. O. Blake, breaking roads, | 73 | 15 |
| 257 | Paid H. Burgess, breaking roads, | 5 | 77 |
| 258 | Paid C. E. Burgess, breaking roads, | 6 | 60 |
| 259 | Paid M. F. Tyler, breaking roads, | 3 | 75 |
| 260 | Paid Clyde Whitman, breaking, | 3 | 75 |
| 261 | Paid C. W. Godwin, breaking, | 28 | 00 |
| 262 | Paid Seth L. Mason, | 12 | 50 |

\$4,910 32

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| 231 | Paid State Treas., patrol % | \$502 | 74 |
| | Maintenance fund available, | 100 | 00 |

\$402 74

\$5,313 06

JOINT STATE AND TOWN PATROL WORK.

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| Appropriation by town, | \$100 | 00 |
| Appropriation by State, | 200 | 00 |
| Paid by town from road money, | 402 | 74 |

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| Available for 1917, | \$702 | 74 |
| Expended by State, | \$702 | 74 |

Total number of miles patrolled, 11.

From Gilead line south side of river to Newry line.

The State also expended at its own expense \$705.00 in repairing State aid road in our town.

The State also expended the sum of \$1,227.16 on the State road leading to Locke's Mills.

The town is asked to pay the sum of \$262.80 as its share for patrol work done on the road the past year. See article number 23 of the warrant,

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of Bethel:

Having been superintendent only since September 1, I submitted to former superintendent Byram the matter of his making a report for the time he was here, but he felt that was not necessary.

While this report is addressed to the School Committee and citizens, it is written with the latter particularly in mind; a communication may be conveniently addressed to the School Committee at any time, but this is the opportunity of the year to address the voters, and, through them, the community at large.

A new floor was laid at the Milton School last fall, to the need of which attention was called in the annual report.

It was designed to make extensive repairs at the South School, for which purpose \$350 was appropriated. However, when the carpenter examined the building, he said that it was not worthy extensive repairs, that what was needed was a new school building. It was decided by the school committee that under the circumstances, it would be well to invest some of the money from this appropriation for chemical toilet tanks, to be installed at South and East Bethel Schools. These tanks arrived about the first of August. Superintendent Byram having resigned, there was no one to look after installing them in August, when there was convenient time for doing the work. When, in September, an effort was made to install the tanks at South School and a hole was started with the intention of putting in the tank, water immediately collected, and remained during the rest of the fall. There was no time to attempt to install the tanks at East Bethel, although if the snow had held off a day or two longer, that would have been done.

I have heard of criticisms that the tanks at East Bethel have not been put under cover; they were left out until the

first snow for the reason given; someone was not found immediately to try to store them, and when that was later attempted, they were found frozen to the ground, and difficult of removal. They were designed to be capable of being placed in the damp ground, and it is not likely that they are any the worse—though none improved—by being where they are.

These tanks have not been paid for, as there are some matters about the tanks and bills that are matters of correspondence with the manufacturing company.

The tanks cost about \$62 apiece. Each has a capacity of 125 gallons. There are smaller tanks. I suspect that after they are installed and their merit appreciated, some persons will wish to get tanks to install in their homes. These tanks are very commonly used in schools out West, where they seem to have plenty of money for schools. A number of them are in schools in towns near Bethel. They are not difficult to install. That the school committee was willing to invest a considerable sum of money in these modern devices, speaks well for the committee and town.

Some time ago, I sent to the School Committee a statement about the absence of some things required by law for the protection of the village school building and the children in case of fire. These I summarized as follows:

“Required:

2 pails for second story,

Steps to windows in second-story rooms,

Fire escape to be kept clean of snow, ice and other obstructions.”

“Probably Required, or Desired:

4 more pails,

Key for rear door on first floor,

Steps outside of rear doors,

Bringing together on pile of dirt or stones the lower ladders of fire escapes.”

“Desired:

Place to get water on boys' side of basement from faucet,

Better lock on door to furnace-room—boys' side,

Fire drills once a month required by school board.”

While there ought to be a better catch on door to furnace-room, I do not think it should be locked—it would prove a barrier to putting out a fire, if possible, if one started in the basement.

I have since had called to my attention by Mr. Flint that the top ends of the ladders reaching the ground in their present condition afford excellent opportunities for catching the dresses of the girls, and that the ends ought to be sawed, or filed, off, with which I agree.

I neglected to mention in report to the School Committee that the fire extinguisher on the first floor is of no value at present; it has not been charged for at least five years and it is supposed to be charged once a year to be kept in good condition.

I reversed the extinguisher a couple of times when nothing came out of it at all. At another time, a little bit of water came out. I do not consider it a reliable affair at the school at any rate, for to be of use, it must be protected from freezing; besides it is heavy for the teachers, and nearly all the pupils except the large boys, to use; I would rather rely, under the circumstances, on a couple of buckets of water.

One of the points on which there would be severe criticism if a fire occurred is that there is no key for the rear doors of the first floor, and has not been for five years, at least; and even if those doors could be opened, there are no steps by which to get to the ground; there were steps, but they deteriorated, and when they finally went to pieces were not replaced.

Of course, we don't expect a fire, and hope there will be none, but if there is no danger of fire, and no occasion to provide what is required by law, the fire escapes might well be sold for junk.

I am unwilling to make a report to the public and not mention a matter like this, and free myself from responsibility in case of fire, for in my opinion there is just as much chance for a fire here as in any other school; and they have fire drills elsewhere and take every precaution within reason to protect the buildings and the children from injury by fire, and it certainly should be done here.

In the January number of the Maine State Bulletin was the following:

“A four-room school building in the village of Chisholm in Jay was recently destroyed by fire. This building was of wood construction and has been in use for some twenty years. The children had just left the building when the fire was discovered.”

Incidentally, the school committee can pass along to the town officers some responsibility in accordance with the following: “Upon written notification by the superintending school committee that any school building does not meet the specifications herein named, the municipal officers of the town shall at once proceed to correct defects, and any failure so to act shall render the town liable to the provisions of section nineteen of this chapter.” (The withholding of state aid money until the matter is rectified.)

I have not the slightest doubt that the school committee is intending to have these matters looked after, but a fire may not wait until we are all ready for it.

Another menace to the safety of the children at the village school is, I submit, that wall. That no accident has occurred proves that no accident will occur any more than that no fire in the past proves that there will be no fire in the future. The chance is there, and that no accident has happened is a tribute to the caution of the children. But the very fact that they must be cautious in playing that they do not fall over the wall and break their necks, or backs, is in itself an indictment, and proof that the provisions for recreation are not satisfactory, for satisfactory conditions would result in their being able to play almost carefree, instead of with constant caution. After thinking the matter over a good deal, I beg to submit that what should be done to provide the children with the desired protection from a fall is that a closely meshed wire netting be put up to good posts, so closely meshed that the children will not be able to get their toes into it and crawl up on it. There will be nothing for them to crawl up on, or hang on, or sit on, or walk on, in such a protection. (Besides they are a nice lot of children at any rate, willing to do what is right, as a rule, of their own accord, and, moreover, the wall

is on the side used by the girls, whose instincts for climbing are not usually very strong.) I should think that morning glory, and other vines would soon cover the fence in the spring with a profusion of flowers that would be very beautiful, and later, roses, and other climbing plants would be added.

This is a matter which I should have referred to the school committee, as others, but which I have not done through a presumable lack of time. They would, of course, be in sympathy with anything that will help to safe-guard the children, but it will not hurt to mention this to the public at the same time as to the committee and get its sanction and support at the same time. The chance of having some child receive an injury of which the result will be that it will be wheeled up and down the streets of Bethel for fifty years, a pallid, helpless invalid, or even be killed out-right, is, in my opinion, positively possible.

I have written in the "Citizen," and other articles have appeared in it, suggesting that the epidemic of measles such as we had is something we should guard against more carefully. The work of the children has been badly broken up this year, some rooms, or schools, at times having almost no pupils, or being entirely closed for some weeks. It seems to me that here is a matter which the Parent-Teacher Association and School Improvement Leagues should take up.

I have mentioned that an appropriation of \$350 was made to remodel the South School and that the carpenter sent to look at it reported that a new building was needed. That is a very significant fact,—namely, that a building that was thought to be all right to be repaired was on its last legs, and ready to be demolished; that is to say, again, that it is passing out of the system of the schools, and with its passing, there is the opportunity to erect a school which will be as much an improvement as possible over the present building. Right here, we see written as plainly as can be how progress takes place. To erect the next school building that is erected by the town of Bethel with anything short of the highest possible improvements would be a very unfortunate thing, for it would be starting the build-

ing project upon which Bethel must soon enter with a low standard. Let it become the determination of the town whenever it erects its next school building to do it deliberately, taking plenty of time to find what is regarded the very best type of building than can reasonably be regarded desirable for the conditions in which it is to be used, and make it a building that will be an honor to the town, about which people will talk, which they will want to come and see, just as people are talking about what a remarkably fine school a teacher, Miss Holgate, has developed at Crocket Ridge, Albany, out of a rural school of the old, conventional, type.

Again, referring to the fact that a building that was thought by the school committee, perhaps, and by the men of the town, perhaps, as being capable of being repaired, was pronounced by an expert carpenter as being worthy only of being scrapped suggests this—is it possible that other things in the school system—other buildings, equipment, books, methods, and even grounds—supposed to be all right, or needing only a little repairing, may be found, if viewed by an expert, to be in the same condition as the South School building—fit only to be scrapped, in order to be in keeping with what Bethel ought to have? It is possible that an investigation would reveal things needful of being scrapped to a much greater extent than would be supposed before looking into things.

For myself, I am perfectly positive that other things are coming to the scrapping point, if they have not already reached it, as the South School, according to the expert carpenter. And I consider it my solemn duty to you, and your boys and girls, and their future and that of the town, to tell you something about it. In a way, I should like to have told it to the school committee first, for I want to work with them, have been referring everything possible to them in the past, and their advice and suggestions have always been helpful and appreciated; I am not doing as I am from any wish to do it without referring it to them; I am rushing this off by staying up all night as the very last chance that I have to get this report into the town report, and there is no opportunity to refer what I am writing to the school

committee; to do so would mean deferring a year bringing the matter to the attention of the voters of the town, and that might mean never bringing it to their attention, for I do not have any mortgage on the future; I do not know that I shall be here—I am a very poor automobile driver—and other things may happen; and I do not know that if I should not be here my successor would say them, and, besides, we do not have time to wait a year; this very next year ought to be full of investigating and planning. Now is the time to be thinking things over,—now, when people are serious, and solemn; now, when certain building and other industrial work cannot be done, and people must think; now, before the great rush begins that will start when the war is over. The world is getting all behind on lots of work, and getting so out of repair by the war, that it will take a lot of work to straighten things up again. In the meantime, plans and determinations are being made for what is going to happen when the war is over; it is like a dog jumping at its leash, like a horse chafing to be off in the race. Now, is the time to be looking things over, and making plans. I may go wrong in my judgments, but if I do, you will see it, and I simply lose; I am willing to risk it. In your interest, I feel it my duty to talk out plainly, “calling a spade, ‘a spade,’ and not an ‘agricultural implement’.”

You have had suggested a policy of repairing one school a year; that is certainly fine, although it may have to go into abeyance a little under war conditions; it is a policy which the state approves, but you certainly need something more—you need a survey of the entire plant—or when you come to one of the other shops to repair it, you may find, as at the South School, that it should not be repaired, but scrapped. A thorough survey I cannot present to you at this time; I do not know that this would be the place in which to present it; it might be; a superintendent could not make a survey that would be even approximately thorough until he had been here a year, and had had time to write up his findings,—a comprehensive look at the whole thing,—how all the buildings are, and will come along, the grounds, the equipment, the courses, the books, the teachers, the con-

veyance matter, etc., etc. All I can do at this time is to make an outline of some things, but this I feel worth while, and my duty to you.

There are a good many people in the town, as I am impressed with the people I have met, who are dissatisfied with various features of the schools, and their dissatisfaction is quite certain to have at least some basis for existing, or it would not, and it can be no more than right that they be given some sympathy, at least, in their feelings, and that an effort be made to get things to be more satisfactory. A healthy discontent ought to be utilized, as pointing out, as a pain in the body, that something was wrong, and to a considerable extent, the place. I believe these people are justified in thinking someone ought to be sympathizing with them, looking into their claims. It seems to me it ought to be regarded a duty to try to make people satisfied with the town, and proud of it and its schools, and to have any reasonable complaints looked after and fixed up satisfactorily, if possible, instead of to be "kicking" and saying the schools are not run right, and are not up to schools elsewhere. I also believe there are a good many people who wish they knew just what is wrong with the schools, if anything, and how it could be righted; many of them may think they are not up to what they ought to be, but perhaps do not feel that they know just why it is, or what to do about it. If I am in a position to know about these matters and do not tell them, I would regard it wrong; in fact, it would be quite impossible for me to keep quiet about it; besides, some other superintendent may come along who will do it, and I be justly criticized for not having done it before.

It is easy to get into ruts and to think that things should be what we know them to have been, whereas progress will mean quite the opposite. One of the finest things about the schools is to get their training, and then one of the next most important things for a teacher to do is to be able to get away from the training he received and to perceive some better sort of training. There are people who can help us to do that. Just at this time, the schools of the State of Maine are having a trail blazed for them by their State Department. It is doing a vast amount of work, planning

out great projects and working out the details to have them executed. We are greatly affected by what the state does and requires. In order that you may know what the state has done, is doing, and is about to do that has, or will have, its effect upon your schools, and boys and girls, I wish to make to you some statements about it. You ought to know them, for if you do not, you will not be able to prepare for the things that are coming, and you will not keep up with other schools and then people will say that the Bethel schools are not up with other schools, that they are behind the times. On the other hand, if you know what is coming and prepare for it, you will be able to float along on the tide of success. The State of Maine is in the greatest transitional period of its educational history, and is just about to enter upon its period of greatest educational achievement. Some of the things which are happening, or are about to happen, which will vitally affect the schools of the town are as follows:

1. On July 1 next, every school in the state will come under the law that will require it to be under a superintendent.

2. On the same date, Dr. Augustus O. Thomas, the State Superintendent, will have completed his first year of service here. He has a program the putting into effect of which will undoubtedly result in a remarkable advancement for the schools. As a preliminary of this program, a survey will be made of the economic, social, and educational conditions of the state.

3. A new course of study has been in preparation for a year and a half. It is likely soon to be announced. The State Department of Education says that it will cover the methods of employing such new school processes as "the junior high school, the supervised study, the socialized recitation and vocational education." It will be certain to have a great influence upon the schools.

4. The year also marks the entrance of the United States Government into participation with the State, as well as with all other states, in its educational work. This is done with a number of objects in view: (a), the training of workers; (b), to assist the state in doing this by contribut-

ing funds; the amount to be contributed this year to the State of Maine is \$15,000; in 1925, it will amount to \$60,000; (c), in order that the United States Government may have a part in directing the educational affairs of the state; (d), to help improve the standards of the state in the efficiency of its workers. A portion of the funds must be spent in the training of teachers, the remainder may be used in all-day, part-time and evening schools for training persons over fourteen years of age in home making occupations, agriculture and in the trades and industries.

5. A War Savings Stamp campaign in the schools.

6. The organization of the Junior Red Cross in the schools.

This is merely an outline of the new projects so far announced connected with the schools, some of which are now here and others on the way. Every one of them has elaborate details. It will be impossible to carry them out successfully without having an efficient system and organization with which to do it, and without having everybody pulling together to help get it done.

It seems to me essential to the success of the year's activities to suggest in this report a program of work, which I do, as follows:

1. The big thing is the war. The Government must pay for what it is doing with money either given, or loaned, to it. One of its methods of securing money by loan is through the War Savings Stamp scheme, which is being organized throughout the country, by means of which the United States Government expects to raise two thousand million dollars this year, which will be twenty dollars for every man, woman and child in the United States. Maine is expected to raise fifteen million dollars. The school children are asked to help, and everybody who can is asked to help them. The project includes the children not only because of the money they will contribute, but because of the service they can render in carrying information about the scheme into their homes and arousing enthusiasm for it, because it will be to them a valuable lesson in patriotism, in saving, in thrift, and because they will want to be in it, and will look back with pleasure in after years to having

been in it. It is hoped that this scheme for inducing saving and thrift may be followed by a permanent scheme for developing those valuable traits. The scheme is, briefly, to save money and buy stamps with it; the money goes to the Government; the stamps are saved, and on January 1, 1923, the Government will pay back \$5 for stamps that cost \$4.14 in March, with one cent more for each succeeding month in this year. The cheapest stamp costs 25 cents, and is called a Thrift Stamp. Sixteen Thrift Stamps and the extra money—from 14 cents in March to 23 cents in December—will buy a War Savings Stamp. On Jan. 1, 1923, the Government will give back \$5 for the \$4, and the 14 to 23 cents. This scheme is to be explained to the children by their teacher, and they are to be encouraged to save money and buy stamps. Some of them can buy a War Savings Stamp, worth \$5 in 1923, alone; some will have to club with others; any persons may club together who want to do so; members of families can club together, having the children contribute to the family stamp. Every teacher is asked to buy a War Savings Stamp for herself. It seems to me that in addition to what people do for which they will get back money personally, that it would be a good thing for every school, through a School Improvement League, to try to buy at least one War Savings Stamp that will come back to the League, worth \$5, in 1923, with which it can buy things; I think it would be a good thing for Leagues to invest money they have on hand in this way, rather than to buy anything they can get along without until the war is over. I think it is all wrong for a League to buy such a thing as a book-case at this time; this is a war time; money on hand should be loaned to the Government to help win the war.

2. We should have a School Improvement League in every school, and I hope every friend of a particular school will indicate to the teacher of it his, or her, willingness to help the school and nation by becoming a member. There are no dues for joining, or belonging, or are there required assessments.

The School Improvement League at Greenwood City has done work that has won the distinction of having a

report about it published in the Maine State Bulletin for January, and in being reported by Miss Hale to the General Educational Board, New York.

3. We are expected by the State school authorities to organize a Junior Red Cross in every school. This Red Cross movement is not a campaign for money, and no child will be under obligation to give any money, but there will be an opportunity for the children and friends of the school to contribute money; this will be used in buying material to make up into articles for the use of soldiers. The children will be given some information as to first aid, home nursing and food. The movement merits your own sympathy, friendship and help, and your assistance of the children in what they will want to do.

4. The new law which goes into effect July 1 requires that the Superintendent of Schools make a report once a term to the Superintending School Committee, which will include a financial report. This makes it very important that bills for the schools be rendered to the superintendent promptly, and they should be paid once a month, as a rule.

5. It is the law that "bills shall not be allowed for payment by the municipal officers of towns unless they shall have been approved by a majority of the members of the superintending school committee." Consequently, in paying bills, the approved bill is required to go to the selectmen. The School Superintendent, as the financial agent of the School Committee, should keep a second copy. As the School Committee also likes to have a copy for its own records, a third copy is necessary. That is, there should be three copies of every school bill. The original bill need not have any special identifying name on it; the second copy should have the word "Duplicate" written on it; and the third copy should have the word "Triplicate" written on it. If bills are sent to the superintendent not made out in triplicate, he will have to make the extra copies. The more time he is required to spend at office work, the less time he has to be out in the schools. It will be a good practice for children to learn to make bills, and to be given the opportunity to make copies of them. Any person who wishes to do so may send a bill to me through any school

teacher, and may ask the teacher to have some pupil make the duplicate and triplicate copies referred to.

6. Bills may be handed, or sent, to any teacher to be sent to me.

7. Certain bills should be given to the teacher who knows about them for her approval. If a bill is sent to me, about which I do not know, or whether the goods are delivered, or not, I may have to send it to some teacher who does know, for approval; this may result in loss of time; therefore, when a person has a bill to send to me and he knows that I cannot tell whether it is all right or not without asking somebody about it, he should, if possible, have the bill O. K.'d by that person before it is sent to me.

A superintendent is expected to do his work in a businesslike way; it can't be done unless he has a businesslike system on which to do it.

8. The School Account Book furnished by the State to the Town, and kept by the Superintendent of Schools, contains an account providing for "Distribution of Expenditures by Schools." This is a very important record to be kept; no good bookkeeper would think for a second that his annual report of the finances of nine shops, or stores, was complete that did not show the leading facts about each. In order to keep such a record, the name of every school for which an expenditure is made should be on the bill, or opposite the amount related to it if there are items for more than one school on the same bill. Not only should there be a report in the town report of the expenditures for each school, but the cost per pupil should be given.

9. The importance of fuel in the war gives added interest to the question as to whether the milder weather of the year ought not to be utilized more—this coming season, or as long as the war lasts, at least—for school work.

10. Moreover, the more money that can be saved on fuel, the more there will be for other things.

11. Every day in school is worth to a child who completes, but does not go farther than, the common, or elementary, schools, on the average, at the very least, \$6 now. If it goes four years to a high school, every day of its time in common and high schools will bring it in the future, on

the average, \$10. As the value of time is increasing, it seems probable to me that every day in a common school course only may be estimated as worth \$10 to a child and that a day in a common and high school course is worth, on the average, \$15. It is, therefore, the poorest kind of business to keep a child out of school a day to earn a small amount of money and to lose in the future from \$10 to \$15 for it. When the value of a day in school is recognized, we shall have a more regular attendance and a longer school year. Anyone who is interested in this matter of the money value of an education can get the report of an investigation made about it by the United States Bureau of Education by writing to that Bureau, at Washington, D. C., and asking for "Bulletin No. 22, 1917." It will cost nothing but the postal card on which to write for it.

12. Noticing that it has sometimes been the custom of the town to have a vacation at Thanksgiving, I beg to submit that it seems to me that the milder weather of Thanksgiving week is better employed for the schools to be in session—as the school committee arranged it for this year—than the colder weather of Christmas week. Moreover, it seems to me that children should enjoy more having a week with the toys of Christmas than to have the week at Thanksgiving; besides, they may be having entertainments to prepare for in Sunday School, church, school, etc., which require time, and is liable to put them under a little too much nervous strain unless they are given an easy time at school. Again, I do not believe that there is any reason why the pupil cannot well go to school throughout the fall until Christmas time without an entire week's vacation; if such is not the case, then the schools are working the pupils too close to the fatigue point, and it should be investigated and stopped. However, I think it is well in schools that want it, or to accommodate teachers, that Friday after Thanksgiving should not be kept, but be made up at some other time. I am of the opinion that children who have many things happening at Christmas time are vastly more liable to suffer from the effects of it and the excitement and not having enough vacation at that time than to suffer any ill effects by not having a week's vacation at Thanks-

giving.

Incidentally, for it is a matter for the school board's decision, I believe that the winter term should begin on the first Monday in December every year, regardless of the length of the fall term. And I am going to make this recommendation to the other towns; I think it is the logical time for the winter term to begin, and the regularity and uniformity of having it begin at that settled time will be highly advantageous in working up a good school system.

12½. It ought to be possible to make up a calendar in the spring for the next school year, barring the changes incident to accidents, but a calendar could be made and would be a great convenience.

13. I am of the opinion that there should be in every school some instruction in agriculture, manual, or industrial work, and in household work, and that wherever it is possible, exhibitions of the products of children should be exhibited at fairs. It is a poor fair at which a child will not learn more that will be of value to it than at any school on that day.

Attendance at fairs should be of much value to a child in bringing into its life a new, interesting and relieving experience.

However, I believe that teachers should also be present at fairs that are attended by children, watchful of their interests, observant of the things that the children are seeing; it should be in the interest of their business to be there.

14. I am requested by the law to report to you on "the proficiency made by the pupils and the success attending the modes of instruction and government" in the schools. It does not, however, seem to me courteous to the school committee, nor a desirable policy, that I speak publicly, when avoidable, on matters of this sort until they have first been referred to the school committee, for which the time, under the circumstances that have existed, has not been adequate. Moreover, having made a long report, there is an added reason why a statement on this phase of the school work should not be gone into at this time. However, I might say, briefly, (a) that I consider the penmanship of the schools miserable, and I do not believe it will be radically

improved without certain radical changes. (b) I believe there should be a course of study selected that will be uniform, except as varied for requirements of individual pupils, as to the subjects pursued, and the books and supplies furnished, from the first year to the last. There are so many kinds of books used now in the same subject by the same grade of pupils that it is hard to have a course of study, or to follow one, or to keep up the stock for one; and where there are a number of texts of the sort mentioned, it is likely that all but one are old.

15. While the present time is not one in which extensive expenditures should be made, it is the very time in which extensive investigations should be made, and plans laid for their execution when the end of the war makes that possible. In this study of conditions and planning for the future, the superintendent, teacher, pupils and parents should work together. It is not to be thought for an instant that any new method of working with children, or of conducting the schools, can dispense with the interest of their parents and friends in them.

16. I consider that every teacher should be acquainted, as a rule, with a parent, or guardian, of every pupil. In some schools elsewhere, teachers are required to visit parents early in the fall term. When homes are inaccessible to teachers, it would be a help to them if parents would visit the teacher. Teachers, parents, pupils, and superintendent should be working together, and studying how best to fit the particular child for the life he or she is likely to lead. The course of study, as we now regard it, must be constantly changed. Besides, every child is different from every other child, and merits a treatment that will differ in some way from all other pupils. On this matter, I should be very glad to give, without any cost, to anyone who cares for it, by sending request to me, or to a teacher, a booklet, entitled, "The Ideal School," which expresses my views on the consideration that should be given to children as individuals and not as members of a class. Schools should be a preparation for life, not for a class, but for Johnny, and Mary and every other pupil as an individual child. Without having a knowledge of the individual child, and

of the sort of life children are likely to lead, it is impossible to plan out the proper school for them, the sort of studies they should have; it is necessary for teacher, parent, pupil and superintendent to work together to find this out. There is a vast amount of going to school that amounts to little.

17. In general, the teachers of Bethel are excellent. Some of them are giving exceptional satisfaction. It is of great value to teachers to see other teachers at work, and to see their schools, and it is highly desirable that we should arrange for visiting days for teachers; if anything of this sort happens, I wish patrons to know the reason, appreciate the value, and be in sympathy with the project. Every teacher in the town, and their schools, and pupils, and their homes would be benefitted by visiting Miss Upton's school in Greenwood; from a housekeeping point of view, it is the best school in the union; and every teacher should be benefitted by a visit from Miss Upton and hearing from her suggestions as to what she might see could be done. Every teacher in the town would be benefitted by visiting Miss Frost's school and see the enthusiastic way in which she works, and the way she has the pupils working for, and governing, themselves. It would be of immense value to visit Miss Holgate's school at Crocket Ridge, Albany. It is possible to arrange for intervisitation of teachers, with great benefit resulting to the town. Besides, if we make the conditions such that the teachers will find themselves able to improve professionally better than they can elsewhere, we shall have teachers wanting to work in our town, and thus benefit ourselves. The more we can do for teachers, the more can they do for us. We should do everything we can to make conditions good, pleasant and profitable professionally as well as financially for teachers.

And now I wish to take up and discuss very briefly the various school buildings of the town.

Milton. This building is miserably dark; needs more windows.

Its lack of good black-boards seems almost unbelievable.

To get to the out-houses, the children go out of the front door and then around the side of the building, when it would have been so easy, it would seem, to have put a door

through at the back, into the wood-shed and thence to the toilets.

Of course, when the building was built people were not thinking as much about those details as they are now. I do not mean to blame the past; the difference between what we have and what we want shows that we are growing, but the condition at Milton is not worthy the town.

I am told by State Agent for Rural Education, Mr. Allan, that constipation is one of the troubles of country children; it is not to be wondered at with out-houses which one would desire to avoid as much as possible.

But constipation is a cause of physical ailments, and it is a duty of the town to its children to see that out-houses are not of such a character as to be contributory causes to disease.

And from a purely educational point of view, no one could reasonably expect children's brains to be in good order when their bowels were not.

East Bethel. No wonder the East Bethel people are "sore" over their building, for one good room was cut in two to make two poor ones. In the primary room, the light comes in from the right side, so that there is always a shadow made by pencil or pen. You will notice I said "primary" room—used by the delicate eyes of little children. Those conditions ought to be very short-lived.

The ventilation is bad.

Sometimes in the spring the water gets into the cellar and the children to get to the toilet-rooms—through basement—have to walk on planks. However, could not a School Improvement League haul in some sand and soon fix that trouble?

Middle Intervale. With only three or four pupils in this bad winter weather. But I, for one, would not say that there should never be a school for three or four pupils. It ought to depend upon their ages, perhaps. No one expects that little children ought to be made to take long rides in the cold. It would seem, however, that, unless the children are so small as to merit a school near home, it ought to be much more desirable to them and their parents to be conveyed to the village school.

With an out-house that is not very good, the few pupils at this school do not seem to make it a school that it should be difficult to make reasonably satisfactory.

We keep in mind that Garfield said that "Mark Hopkins on one end of a log and a student on the other made a university." So, in humble conditions, there may be very good teaching. But good teachers are not likely to care to stay long in a school where the pupils are so few.

North. Here also are a few pupils, who may live so far away from the village that they merit a teacher when they are so small.

The out-house here is anything but fine.

Northwest. Ceiling rather low and room dark.

Flat. A building said to be 100 years old. A rather cosy little thing, but the likelihood that it may have pupils from Mason adds to the reasonableness of the need of a more ample building.

South. Already discussed. One of the hoppers, or bowls, and seats that went with the septic tank was installed here last fall. No one could have taken better care of a rather fine looking affair than has been taken by those boys. It would be untrue to think that the children of your schools—even lively boys—would not take care of good buildings, equipment, etc.

West Bethel. The heating arrangement bad.

The toilets in far from a desirable condition, yet even, at that, an improvement upon what had been, the teacher said.

A large enrollment of pupils.

West Bethel ought to have a "model school," such as the State Department is favoring; this will be a school with grounds, building, rooms, equipment as nearly up to 100 per cent standard as procurable; with teacher in charge a Normal School graduate. The State Department favors having such a school kept on Saturdays so that teachers of other schools could visit on that day and get the benefit of observation of the teacher at work, and of the nature of the building, etc. It is proposed that such school have a holiday on Wednesday, or Monday, instead of Saturday. It is proposed that on some of those Mondays, or Wednesdays, that

the teacher should visit the other teachers and assist them with suggestions due to her better training.

Why should not schools be well built and furnished? Why is it not desirable that they have window and door screens the same as your home? Why should not your child have as good a toilet at a school provided by all the people of the community as you can provide for your home by your individual ability?

Is there a good reason why it should not be possible to build a school, furnished by all the people through taxes, as well as the churches, which a part of the people build from voluntary contributions?

Village. The first Sunday I was here, in a stroll about the village, I began to look around to see where the next village school should be located. It was so perfectly patent to me that the present could not long meet the needs of this community for the new education which is all ready to knock at your door. And yet I hear that when the building was erected, it was the object of much ardent discussion and was considered quite an elaborate building. It cannot possibly be long until the village must have another building, or not be up to the standard of what is to be.

Of course, the exceptional winter has been to blame for the breaking of every toilet hopper, or bowl, on the boys' side of the basement. Pipes froze in the middle of the morning, with the furnaces raging.

The rooms directly above were occasionally too cold to be used, or to be used very satisfactorily.

I have not much interest in trying to think how to fix that building. In my mind, it is in the same class as the South building, not because of any delapidation, but on account of its unsuitability.

Is this village going to have a kindergarten? It will come soon in other places.

What is this village going to do about the Junior High School for 7th and 8th grades? It is coming elsewhere. Do you know what it is? I think the acquainting of this institution to the people of this community is the work of the Parent-Teacher Association, in part.

Are you going to have any industrial work for boys,

any manual training, any agricultural instruction?

Are you going to have any domestic science work for girls?

Where will you house the work in those subjects?

I look across to the Academy. That plant shows the result of years of fore-sight and planning. Are the village schools being given the same fore-sight and planning? They are not my schools; they are your schools, but I am interested in them because dealing with them is my life work. You will not be offended, will you, at my pointed questions? I am trying to be your friend. I want to tell you what is coming and to make you think, and to have you get ready for it.

As a matter of fact, I feel that your schools are not being kept up as well as those of your neighbor, the town of Greenwood. They are paying a good deal of attention to fixing up their school properties.

In other words, there is not a school building in the town that is worthy of you, your community and your children.

And we are asking the nice young women teachers that are employed by the town to work under some pretty unpleasant conditions.

And how about the play-grounds? I have seen an advertisement to the effect that "Maine is the play-ground of the nation." Will you point out to me a ball ground connected with the public schools of this town, or even a ball ground connected with the village,—outside of the ground belonging to the Academy? Will you be offended when I tell you that I attended a half-dozen schools in as many towns in Pennsylvania as a boy and we always had a pretty good sized base ball diamond in connection with every one of them? What do your boys do at the village school for recreation? They stand around, and tussle, and wrestle, but they have no chance for a real good boys' game of ball.

This leads me to say what a nice thing a gentleman has done whom I shall not name, for I think he would prefer that I should not; he has given the children of the school permission to play on a property of his near-by. It is the only instance that has come to my attention of this sort of

thing. But we need more of that giving to the school. See how the friends of the Academy show their regard for it with gifts? Do we have no regard for the public schools? If so, why do not people make gifts to it occasionally?

Now as to the matter of conveyance. I was advised to keep out of that matter—not in writing this report—but to steer clear of it altogether as much as possible. That is impossible; at least, to me. It is too vitally connected with the success of the schools, and of the superintendent, and with his satisfaction in his work. To stay in a place and have it a constant mix-up would be very undesirable.

Is the conveyance matter susceptible of being settled? Well, I believe it can at least be helped. There are too many elements in the problem for me to have time to discuss them now. But to put the thing in a nut-shell, I would say that, for myself, the way I would suggest that I would like to attempt to solve it would be simply to be allowed to solve it by myself. I am not afraid of the job and I believe that if I am worthy of being superintendent here that, by my own personal arrangements and dealing with the persons involved, I could help to get the matter straightened out better than in any other way. I believe that if the school committee could give into the hands of a safe superintendent all reasonable liberty in handling the matter of conveyance, his personal acquaintance with the people and dealing with them would enable him to get better results than in any other way. Of course, if he is not a safe superintendent, I have nothing to say,—except that he probably will not stay in the place long where he is so regarded. However, I must say this in the interest of the children—that an attempt ought to be made to straighten out this problem, not merely constantly to patch up each conveyance matter temporarily. At present, it is taking too much time of the superintendent arranging agreements; it is not being done in a systematic, businesslike, satisfactory fashion. There is too much dickering and jockeying, and in the meanwhile the children are often losing schooling. I could write much more, but there is not time for me at present.

I have not said anything about the matter of music, and the supervisor of music, Miss Blackington. I wish to say simply this,—the school board told me that it wanted me to get a supervisor of music until the town meeting at least. We could hardly have secured a supervisor who would have been worthy of you, if we could not offer more than a couple of months employment; therefore, it was apparently needed that not the promise, but the assurance, should be given that music would almost certainly be continued after the town meeting, if it was satisfactory, at least through the present school year, as I understood that was the expectation of those who knew the situation. I beg to say that I consider the work of Miss Blackington has been very successful and I believe is so regarded generally by teachers, pupils, and parents. I consider that we have a sort of obligation to continue her at least through the present school year.

As to the next year, recent months have been so startling and the matter of the war so grave that it is rather difficult to forecast next fall just at present. It may be necessary to economize at every possible point. However, this I think should be said: Miss Blackington considers that it will take two years to get the music established as she would like to have it. This is in accordance with experience in school work generally,—a year at least, to get started and another year to complete the work. Miss Blackington may be willing to stay here at a sacrifice in order to complete her job. If the resources of the schools are adequate, it would be very desirable to have her continue another year, at least. I say this with a realization of what I have said about buildings and books, but since we have undertaken the project, it seems to me that it is reasonable to have the work continued, if possible, until it may be regarded established, and then it is to be hoped that the war clouds will have cleared and that it will be possible to do what are regarded the basal things we want to do and this artistic work also.

No one likes flattery, but I consider it would be absolutely ungrateful, unfair to the community not to speak of the patience and help I have had from the members of the

superintending school committee. While I have in mind what I have said about the straightening up of the conveyance situation, I would not have it understood that I could have undertaken to handle it when I began here. On the contrary, I would have been swamped if I had had it to do. Under those circumstances, Mr. Hastings jumped in and helped me immensely,—not only as to conveyance, but as to wood—even to the extent of taking off his coat and throwing a couple cords of wood into the cellar at the village school. In every way, he and Miss Thurston have been patient and helpful to me and I am much indebted to them. So is the town, for the schools are matters of our constant inter-communication. To have on the committee one who is so familiar with every detail of the work as is Mr. Hastings is of inestimable value. I most sincerely hope that nothing I have said will reflect personally on these members of your committee who have been such good friends to me. As a matter of fact, I should not suppose that there would be any other persons in the community more anxious to have the schools improved than the members of the school committee, with whom it is such a pleasure to be associated.

I should have been glad to submit to them what I have written had time permitted, but it was a question of doing what I have as I have, or not at all.

As to the fire protection conditions at the village school, the committee may already have undertaken to have these defects corrected, but my feeling of obligation to the children makes it impossible for me to do other than attempt to say things which will, I hope, result in greater attention being given to them in the future on this matter than apparently has been.

My criticism of the schools should not be laid at any person's door; they are probably vastly ahead of many other places; they are simply what they are as the logical consequence of what they have been. What I have said has not been to attempt to attach any blame, for I do not regard anybody as blamable; I had in mind only to portray conditions so that they should be appreciated, and it should be seen that Bethel must get busy, have her schools thor-

oughly surveyed and then set out upon a program of accomplishment. Success cannot be achieved by spasmodic dabs here and there. The job must be analyzed and undertaken in a large way, because it is a large proposition.

I have heard that I have been criticized for not listening more to recitations. Anyone who thinks that inside work to have been most important during the time that I have been here has been, in my opinion, mistaken.

With reference to any criticism of myself, I should be glad if I could have it given to me personally rather than to a member of the school committee, or, at least, I ought not to be relieved of criticism that I ought to receive.

It is, however, possible that criticisms are often the result of misunderstandings. Most of us are pretty reasonable people and working pretty hard. But I think that, as a class, it has been customary to lecture us pretty pointedly at times. I suppose that is because people are really so interested in their children and the schools that they are unwilling to tolerate what they regard as unfair to the children. It can be only some such feeling that could be possessing a person who would write to one of our most respected teachers that she had "spit her spite" on a child. As a matter of fact, the writer of the statement was laboring under a misunderstanding of facts.

I have no hesitation whatever in saying that in the rather petty work in which we are engaged people should not allow their feelings to master their judgment of proportion, but should be as patient as possible, and at least not lose their tempers.

As I look at the work as a whole here in Bethel, the thing that it seems to me is most immediately needful is that the conveyance question be settled to the point that ill feeling will be eliminated as much as possible. I consider it an essential preliminary to further work. I believe it can be done, but it will require planning and arrangements long in advance, squareness, fairness, no jockeying by either side, no under-handed work by rivals, all parties seeking to see any justice in the other side, and the children not allowed to suffer on account of even unreasonableness of others. I believe that in such a program it is essential that the

interest and cooperation of the patrons of each school should be sought; I consider the superintendent should meet with the School Improvement League or patrons of each school at least once each spring and fall, getting acquainted with patrons and securing their cooperation towards the smooth running of the schools.

An old soldier of the Civil War once remarked to me that people have no idea what a lot of men can do when they get together. In the war, when they wanted to tear up a railroad, they lined up on one side of the track, everybody took hold some place and they rolled it over and over with ease. Let us all get together, and have the teachers all work together, to put the Bethel schools "over the top."

Our work is the greatest in the world; it is too wonderful to slight; it would be absurd economy, for the saving of a few dollars, to withhold statements that may be worth hundreds of dollars to the children.

In money value, we give, on the average, \$10 a day to every child who comes to school. In character, we hope that we contribute in producing upright, respected lives. In mind, we trust we give the value, the pleasure, of knowledge, and the ability, through a cultivated love of reading, of lifting one's self out of the toil and moil of life, and losing one's self in the delightful experiences, or imaginations, of others. In memory value, we expect one of the choicest of pleasures to be in the recollection of the life, laughter and learning of childhood's happy school days and that they will ever stand out, as they should, as the most care-free, joyous period of life's experience.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. BENSCOTER.

CONVEYANCE,—SCHOOL YEAR, 1917-18.

| Route | Rate Per Week | |
|--|---------------|--------|
| | Fall | Winter |
| Paradise Hill to Village, | \$3.50 | \$3.50 |
| Songo Pond to Village, Wm. Burhoe children, | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| Songo Pond to Village, Robt. Clough children, | 2.00 | 2.00 |
| Kenneth Stanley to Village, | 3.50 | 4.00 |
| Irma Cushman to Village, per day, | .50 | |
| Thelma Bennett to Village, per day, 2 days in week, | .50 | .50 |
| Robertson Hill to Village, | | 5.00 |
| Bird Hill to Locke's Mills, | ? | ? |
| Marion Estes to Gore School, per day, | .40 | .40 |
| Georgia Day to Gore School, per day, | | .40 |
| F. A. Mundt children to Flat School, | | 2.50 |
| Robertson Hill to W. Bethel School, | | 4.00 |
| A. R. Merrill children to E. Bethel School, per day, | | .60 |
| H. S. Hutchins children to E. Bethel School, | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| E. A. Trask children to E. Bethel School, | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| Locke's Mills Road to E. Bethel School, | 5.00 | |
| Locke's Mills—Kimball Hill Roads to E. Bethel School, | | 8.00 |
| L. E. Winslow children to M. Int. School, | 4.00 | ? |

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

| | Term | Wages | No. Weeks | No. Pupils Enrolled | Average Attendance | No. Not Absent ½ Day | No. Visits of Citizens |
|--------------------------|------|-------|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Village Grammar | | | | | | | |
| Alice M. Lane | W | 14.50 | 12 | 32 | 27.8 | 7 | 12 |
| Alice M. Lane | S | 14.50 | 11 | 32 | 28.1 | 8 | 19 |
| Alice M. Lane | F | 15.00 | 14 | 27 | 23 | 2 | 5 |
| Grades V and VI | | | | | | | |
| Florence E. Springer | W | 11.00 | 12 | 38 | 33.9 | 3 | 14 |
| Florence E. Springer | S | 11.00 | 11 | 40 | 35.7 | 13 | 10 |
| Alice M. Cross | F | 12.00 | 14 | 24 | 20.52 | 4 | 10 |
| Grades III and IV | | | | | | | |
| Alta W. Smith | W | 11.00 | 12 | 42 | 34.39 | 5 | 18 |
| Alta W. Smith | S | 11.00 | 11 | 44 | 37.26 | 6 | 15 |
| Evangeline Atherton | F | 11.00 | 14 | 36 | 27.10 | 4 | 8 |
| Village Primary | | | | | | | |
| Ethel J. Philbrick | W | 12.00 | 12 | 28 | 20.25 | 0 | 14 |
| Ethel J. Philbrick | S | 12.00 | 11 | 26 | 23.44 | 6 | 15 |
| Ethel J. Philbrick | F | 13.00 | 14 | 43 | 32.28 | 1 | 9 |
| East Grammar | | | | | | | |
| Elva A. Fuller | W | 10.00 | 12 | 15 | 12.7 | 2 | 7 |
| Elva A. Fuller | S | 10.00 | 11 | 14 | 11.6 | 1 | 9 |
| Edna M. Bartlett | F | 11.00 | 14 | 17 | 14.9 | 1 | 10 |
| East Primary | | | | | | | |
| Ethel M. Cole | W | 9.00 | 12 | 24 | 20.66 | 4 | 6 |
| Ethel M. Cole | S | 9.00 | 11 | 29 | 24.8 | 5 | 9 |
| Ethel M. Cole | F | 10.00 | 14 | 22 | 17.1 | 4 | 10 |
| South | | | | | | | |
| Clara L. Jackson | W | 9.50 | 12 | 21 | 16.72 | 1 | 14 |
| Clara L. Jackson | S | 9.50 | 11 | 22 | 19.82 | 6 | 24 |
| Florence E. Leighton | F | 8.50 | 14 | 26 | 20.7 | 7 | 12 |

Middle Intervale

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------|---|------|----|----|------|---|----|
| Eva Bartlett | W | 8.00 | 12 | 6 | 5.43 | 1 | 10 |
| Eva Bartlett | S | 8.00 | 11 | 9 | 6.6 | 1 | 11 |
| Nina Briggs | F | 8.00 | 14 | 11 | 8.3 | 0 | 14 |

Milton

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|---------------------|---|------|----|----|-----|---|----|
| Nancy B. Millett | W | 8.50 | 11 | 11 | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| Nancy B. Millett | S | 8.50 | 11 | 12 | 8.9 | 0 | 0 |
| Florence E. Chapman | F | 9.00 | 12 | 12 | 8.2 | 1 | 10 |

North

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------|---|------|----|----|---|---|---|
| Mary D. Morse | F | 9.00 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 0 | 7 |
|---------------|---|------|----|----|---|---|---|

Flat

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------|---|------|----|----|-------|---|----|
| Maud M. O'Reilly | W | 9.00 | 12 | 17 | 12 | 0 | 8 |
| Maud M. O'Reilly | S | 9.00 | 11 | 16 | 14 | 5 | 14 |
| Eva Bartlett | F | 9.00 | 14 | 15 | 14.25 | 1 | 6 |

Northwest

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------|---|------|----|----|-------|---|---|
| Ruth H. Drummond | W | 9.50 | 12 | 13 | 12.26 | 1 | 3 |
| Ruth H. Drummond | S | 9.50 | 11 | 14 | 13.35 | 3 | 3 |
| Lillian Corbett | F | 9.50 | 14 | 13 | 11.82 | 2 | 9 |

West

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|-------|----|----|----|---|----|
| Jennie E. Bean | W | 12.00 | 12 | 27 | 22 | 3 | 3 |
| Jennie E. Bean | S | 12.00 | 11 | 31 | 27 | 7 | 7 |
| Jennie E. Bean | F | 13.00 | 14 | 31 | 28 | 8 | 11 |

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT.**Receipts.**

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Balance, Feb. 1, 1917, | \$105 60 |
| Appropriation by town, | 3,600 00 |
| School and mill fund, | 1,537 25 |
| Common school fund, | 1,750 06 |
| Ministerial and school fund, | 28 65 |
| Milton Plantation, tuition due, | 200 00 |
| Town of Gilead, tuition due, | 32 50 |
| Town of Gilead, tuition due, est., | 50 00 |
| Town of Mason, tuition due, | 15 00 |

\$7,319 06

Expenditures.

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| Teachers' wages, | \$4,591 26 |
| Fuel, | 605 13 |
| Janitor services, | 229 75 |
| Conveyance, | 1,253 60 |
| Tuition, | 56 00 |
| Board of pupils, | 22 50 |
| Unexpended balance, | 560 82 |

\$7,319 06

SECONDARY SCHOOL TUITION ACCOUNT.**Receipts.**

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Balance, Feb. 1, 1917, | \$139 00 |
| Appropriation by town, | 1,100 00 |
| State aid, | 500 00 |
| Overdrawn, | 229 00 |

\$1,968 00

Expenditures.

| | |
|----------|------------|
| Tuition, | \$1,968 00 |
|----------|------------|

TEXT-BOOK ACCOUNT.**Receipts.**

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation, | \$300 00 |
| Sold to F. H. Byram, | 3 11 |
| Sold to Town of Greenwood, | 3 08 |

\$306 19

Expenditures.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Overdraft, | \$10 35 |
| Books, freight, express, postage, | 163 83 |
| Unexpended balance, | 132 01 |

\$306 19

FLAG ACCOUNT.**Receipts.**

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Balance on hand, Feb. 1, 1917, | \$2 99 |
| Appropriation, | 15 00 |

\$17 99

Expenditures.

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| Repairs, | \$3 50 |
| Unexpended balance, | 14 49 |

\$17 99

REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES ACCOUNT.**Receipts.**

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| Appropriation, | \$550 00 |
|----------------|----------|

Expenditures.

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Overdraft, | \$101 56 |
| Repairs and supplies, | 425 02 |
| Unexpended balance, | 23 42 |

\$550 00

PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS ACCOUNT.**Receipts.**

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| Appropriation, | \$350 00 |
|----------------|----------|

Expenditures.

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|
| Freight on septic tanks, | \$6 63 | |
| Drayage, | 2 50 | |
| Barrel of tar, | 7 00 | |
| Labor, | 4 50 | |
| Material, | 1 45 | |
| Livery, | 2 50 | |
| Unexpended balance, | 325 42 | |
| | <hr/> | \$350 00 |

WAGES OF TEACHERS.

| Order No. | | Amount | |
|--------------|-------------------|---------|---------|
| 15 | Mabel Bailey, | \$24 00 | \$24 00 |
| 4 | Ruth Drummond, | 38 00 | |
| 45 | | 38 00 | |
| 72 | | 38 00 | |
| 101 | | 28 50 | 142 50 |
| 2 | Elva Fuller, | 32 00 | |
| 47 | | 30 00 | |
| 75 | | 42 00 | |
| 98 | | 40 00 | 144 00 |
| 12 | Clara L. Jackson, | 47 50 | |
| 46 | | 38 00 | |
| 77 | | 38 00 | |
| 102 | | 28 50 | 152 00 |
| 5 | Nancy B. Millett, | 25 50 | |
| 50 | | 34 00 | |
| 76 | | 34 00 | |
| 100 | | 25 50 | 119 00 |

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|----|-----------------------|-------|--------|
| 10 | Maud O'Reilly, | 36 00 | |
| 43 | | 36 00 | |
| 70 | | 36 00 | |
| 95 | | 27 00 | 135 00 |
| 8 | Alta W. Smith, | 55 00 | |
| 40 | | 44 00 | |
| 69 | | 44 00 | |
| 93 | | 33 00 | 176 00 |
| 7 | Florence E. Springer, | 55 00 | |
| 42 | | 44 00 | |
| 68 | | 44 00 | |
| 92 | | 33 00 | 176 00 |
| 14 | Mary C. Stanley, | 10 00 | 10 00 |

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| 15 | Evangeline Atherton, | \$44 00 | |
| 175 | | 44 00 | |
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| 241 | | 22 00 | |
| 281 | | 44 00 | 198 00 |
| 149 | Edna Bartlett, | 48 00 | |
| 167 | | 48 00 | |
| 218 | | 44 00 | |
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| 1 | Eva Bartlett, | 24 00 | |
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| 97 | | 32 00 | |
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| 11 | Jennie E. Bean, | 48 00 | |
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| 151 | Nina Briggs, | 32 00 | |
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| 237 | | 16 00 | |
| 275 | | 32 00 | 144 00 |
| 152 | Florence Chapman, | 36 00 | |
| 170 | | 36 00 | |
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| 3 | Ethel M. Cole, | 36 00 | |
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| 272 | | 40 00 | 315 00 |
| 154 | Lillian Corbett, | 38 00 | |
| 172 | | 38 00 | |
| 223 | | 38 00 | |
| 238 | | 19 00 | |
| 278 | | 38 00 | 171 00 |
| 158 | Alice M. Cross, | 48 00 | |
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| 227 | | 48 00 | |
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| 6 | Alice M. Lane, | 72 | 50 | |
| 39 | | 58 | 00 | |
| 67 | | 58 | 00 | |
| 91 | | 43 | 50 | |
| 159 | | 60 | 00 | |
| 177 | | 60 | 00 | |
| 228 | | 60 | 00 | |
| 243 | | 30 | 00 | |
| 283 | | 60 | 00 | 502 00 |
| 155 | Florence Leighton, | 34 | 00 | |
| 173 | | 34 | 00 | |
| 224 | | 34 | 00 | |
| 239 | | 17 | 00 | |
| 279 | | 34 | 00 | 153 00 |
| 153 | Mary D. Morse, | 36 | 00 | |
| 171 | | 36 | 00 | |
| 222 | | 27 | 00 | |
| 277 | | 36 | 00 | 135 00 |
| 9 | Ethel J. Philbrick, | 60 | 00 | |
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Supervisor of Music, Maerice K. Blackington.

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| 179 | | | \$16 66 |
| 212 | C. C. Bryant, | \$8 75 | |
| 213 | H. E. Littlefield, | 3 00 | |
| 230 | | | 66 64 |
| 245 | | | 33 32 |
| 256 | Chas. Tuell, | 2 25 | |
| 258 | F. R. Flint, | 5 25 | |

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| 307 | C. C. Bryant, | 30 25 | 49 50 |

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| 252 | Edna Bartlett, | | \$1 00 |
| 193 | Jennie Bean, | | 2 50 |
| 295 | S. H. Browne, | | 89 00 |
| 318 | E. L. Buck, | | 2 25 |
| 63 | Llewellyn Buck, | | 16 00 |
| 62 | Ralph Burris, | | 2 00 |
| 114 | F. H. Byram, | 4 20 | |
| 138a | | 4 20 | 8 40 |
| 255 | F. L. Chapman, | 18 13 | |
| 296 | | 75 | 18 88 |
| 19 | L. E. Cole, | | 75 |
| 64 | D. W. Cushing, | 55 00 | |
| 198 | | 30 00 | 85 00 |
| 300 | F. L. Douglass, | | 13 50 |
| 309 | Fred L. Edwards, | | 220 50 |
| 118 | F. R. Flint, | | 3 00 |
| 116 | Porter Farwell, | | 6 00 |
| 30 | F. E. Gordon, | 2 75 | |
| 86 | | 9 50 | |
| 325 | | 1 00 | 13 25 |
| 323 | Asa J. Howard, | | 2 25 |
| 254 | Ervin Hutchinson, | | 7 80 |
| 145 | C. N. Kimball, | | 12 00 |
| 61 | A. R. Merrill, | | 41 25 |
| 117 | Jas. F. Mundt, | | 3 00 |
| 301 | Geo. Osgood, | | 3 00 |
| 270 | H. M. Osgood, | | 2 25 |
| 316 | F. E. Stevens, | | 27 00 |
| 322 | H. F. Thurston, | 3 50 | |
| 324 | | 6 00 | 9 50 |

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| 267 | J. A. Thurston Co., | | 1 25 |
| 115 | Lyman Wheeler, | 2 00 | |
| 207 | | 5 85 | |
| 312 | | 1 95 | 9 80 |
| 194 | E. L. Tebbets Spool Co., | 1 50 | |
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PAID FOR JANITOR SERVICE.

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| 1 | Eva Bartlett, | \$ 75 | |
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| 11 | Jennie E. Bean, | 3 00 | |
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| 216 | | 2 00 | |
| 250 | | 1 00 | |
| 292 | | 2 00 | 17 50 |
| 247 | Nina Briggs, | 50 | |
| 287 | | 1 00 | 1 50 |
| 288 | Florence Chapman, | 50 | 50 |
| 248 | Lillian Corbett, | 50 | |
| 290 | | 1 00 | 1 50 |
| 4 | Ruth Drummond, | 1 00 | 1 00 |
| 13 | Frank Flint, | 30 00 | |
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| 294 | | 24 00 | 185 00 |
| 2 | Elva Fuller, | 2 00 | |
| 47 | | 2 00 | |

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| 98 | | 2 00 | 6 00 |
| 12 | Clara L. Jackson, | 1 25 | 1 25 |
| 249 | Florence Leighton, | 50 | |
| 291 | | 1 00 | 1 50 |
| 5 | Nancy B. Millett, | 75 | 75 |
| 289 | Mary Morse, | 1 00 | 1 00 |
| 10 | Maud M. O'Reilly, | 1 00 | 1 00 |
| 257 | Othie Reed, | 7 00 | |
| 293 | | 2 00 | 9 00 |
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PAID FOR CONVEYANCE.

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| 25 | Guy Bartlett, | \$23 00 | |
| 264 | | 4 00 | \$27 00 |
| 85 | H. L. Bartlett, | 5 00 | 5 00 |
| 59 | E. E. Bennett, | 12 50 | |
| 297 | | 14 00 | 26 50 |
| 306 | Olive I. Bennett, | 8 00 | 8 00 |
| 23 | Philip Brown, | 15 00 | |
| 58 | | 10 00 | |
| 83 | | 10 00 | |
| 111 | | 4 50 | |
| 262 | | 20 00 | 59 50 |
| 53 | B. C. Burbank, | 19 00 | 19 00 |
| 192 | Cora E. Burgess, | 16 00 | |
| 315 | | 6 00 | 22 00 |
| 105 | Mrs. Wm. Burhoe, | 6 00 | |
| 162 | | 8 00 | |
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| 304 | | 8 00 | 42 00 |
| 16 | Mrs. Robert Clough, | 20 00 | |
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| 54 | Isaiah Coburn, | 14 00 | |
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| 19 | L. E. Cole, | 16 00 | |
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| 317 | | 32 00 | 60 80 |
| 333 | C. P. Day, | 12 00 | 12 00 |
| 22 | True Eames, | 17 50 | 17 50 |
| 29 | Mrs. Elmer Cummings, | 6 40 | 6 40 |
| 24 | Ella B. Emery, | 23 00 | |
| 57 | | 20 00 | |
| 79 | | 20 00 | |
| 110 | | 15 00 | 78 00 |
| 112 | Elliott Estes, | 15 60 | |
| 334 | | 19 60 | 35 20 |
| 84 | F. R. Flint, | 20 00 | |
| 103 | | 15 00 | |
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| 182 | | 14 00 | 63 00 |
| 314 | H. M. Flint, | 15 00 | 15 00 |
| 27 | Adrian Grover, | 24 00 | |
| 60 | | 12 00 | 36 00 |
| 18 | H. S. Hutchins, | 16 00 | |
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| 20 | Geo. W. Knight, | 20 00 | |
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| 82 | | 20 00 | |
| 108 | | 20 00 | |
| 266 | | 70 00 | 145 00 |
| 310 | Mrs. Wm. Lowe, | 14 00 | 14 00 |

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| 61 | A. R. Merrill, | 3 00 | |
| 328 | | 6 00 | |
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| 26 | Mrs. F. A. Mundt, | 10 00 | |
| 299 | | 7 50 | 17 50 |
| 17 | Fred J. Tibbetts, | 25 00 | 25 00 |
| 113 | E. A. Trask, | 40 00 | |
| 302 | | 52 00 | 92 00 |
| 298 | F. W. Tyler, | 4 00 | 4 00 |
| 21 | Frank Vetquosky, | 7 00 | |
| 109 | | 35 00 | 42 00 |
| 269 | L. E. Winslow, | 52 00 | 52 00 |
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PAID FOR TUITION.

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| No. | | | |
| 133 | Town of Greenwood, | \$36 00 | |
| 137a | Town of Woodstock, | 20 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$56 00 |

PAID FOR BOARD OF PUPILS.

| | | | |
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| No. | | | |
| 28 | Mrs. Jasper Cates, | \$12 50 | |
| 38 | Mrs. Jasper Cates, | 10 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$22 50 |

PAID FOR TEXT-BOOKS.

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| No. | | | |
| 124 | Boylston Publishing Co., | \$5 70 | |
| 125 | The Riverdale Press, | 3 65 | |
| 126 | D. C. Heath & Co., | 8 21 | |
| 127 | American Book Co., | 27 97 | |
| 128 | Town of Greenwood, | 2 02 | |
| 129 | Silver, Burdette & Co., | 17 90 | |
| 130 | The Macmillan Co., | 36 53 | |
| 131 | Ginn & Company, | 39 73 | |
| 134 | World Book Co., | 4 88 | |
| 205 | Silver, Burdette & Co., | 16 16 | |
| 332 | W. E. Benscoter, | 1 08 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$163 83 |

PAID FOR REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES.**Freight and Labor.**

| No. | | |
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| 31 | F. R. Flint, | \$2 20 |
| 32 | Albert Burke, | 7 54 |
| 33 | F. A. Goddard, | 2 83 |
| 35 | Edw. E. Babb & Co., | 13 00 |
| 36 | Milton, Bradley Co., | 29 67 |
| 37 | J. L. Hammett & Co., | 67 71 |
| 87 | F. R. Flint, | 6 25 |
| 88 | E. E. Babb & Co., | 7 09 |
| 89 | F. B. Bean, | 75 |
| 119 | F. R. Flint, | 75 |
| 120 | F. H. Byram, | 9 92 |
| 121 | J. S. Burbank, | 9 38 |
| 122 | L. E. Cole, | 1 25 |
| 123 | Albert Burke, | 2 25 |
| 132 | F. B. Merrill, | 56 53 |
| 135 | I. M. Kennerson, | 5 00 |
| 138b | H. H. Hastings, | 9 92 |
| 139 | Mrs. Jas. Uhlman, | 7 50 |
| 140 | Mrs. Jas. Burhoe, | 6 00 |
| 141 | Bertha A. Sumner, | 3 00 |
| 142 | J. A. Thurston & Co., | 60 91 |
| 143 | Geo. R. Davis, | 4 53 |
| 144 | J. N. Swan, | 36 25 |
| 146 | W. E. Benscoter, | 1 90 |
| 187 | Bethel Light Co., | 2 76 |
| 188 | D. Grover Brooks, | 4 50 |
| 189 | Clarence K. Fox, | 2 00 |
| 190 | E. L. Buck, | 2 00 |
| 191 | Edw. P. Lyon, | 1 50 |
| 196 | Mrs. Annie L. Heath, | 18 00 |
| 197 | Mrs. E. E. Chase, | 4 25 |
| 202 | Mrs. Wm. L. Farwell, | 3 00 |
| 203 | J. L. Hammett & Co., | 5 75 |
| 204 | J. S. Latta, | 1 65 |
| 206 | Irving L. Carver, | 1 20 |
| 208 | D. Grover Brooks, | 75 |

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| 251 | Edna Bartlett, | 85 |
| 253 | Robert W. Farwell, | 2 00 |
| 311 | J. L. Hammett & Co., | 3 16 |
| 319a | G. L. Thurston & Son, | 7 03 |
| 320 | Oliver Ditson Co., | 7 85 |
| 321 | F. B. Merrill, | 1 30 |
| 330 | Merrill, Springer Co., | 1 00 |
| 331 | W. E. Benscoter, | 2 28 |

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PAID FOR PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS.

| | | |
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| 165 | H. H. Hastings, | \$6 63 |
| 195 | H. E. Littlefield, | 2 50 |
| 201 | Wm. Lowe, | 4 50 |
| 209 | D. G. Brooks, | 7 00 |
| 210 | H. E. Dyer, | 1 50 |
| 211 | Frank Brooks, | 1 00 |
| 319b | G. L. Thurston & Son, | 1 45 |

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PAID FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TUITION.

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| 65 | Gould's Academy, | \$540 00 | |
| 136 | Gould's Academy, | 10 00 | |
| 199 | Gould's Academy, | 696 00 | |
| 303 | Gould's Academy, | 672 00 | \$1,918 00 |
| 90 | Town of Norway, | 10 00 | |
| 200 | Town of Norway, | 12 00 | |
| 308 | Town of Norway, | 12 00 | 34 00 |
| 137b | Town of Woodstock, | 16 00 | 16 00 |
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VITAL STATISTICS, 1917

MARRIAGES.

In Bethel, Jan. 9, 1917, by Rev. J. H. Little, Clarence M. Bennett and Violet R. Morrill, age 24 and 17, both of Bethel.

In Bethel, Feb. 7, by Rev. J. H. Little, Homer C. Smith, age 26, and Lillian Grace Bean, age 24, both of Newry.

In Bethel, March 3, by Rev. J. H. Little, Artemas W. Smith, age 24, of Bethel, and Jennie Jack, age 17, of Berlin, N. H.

In Bethel, March 7, by Rev. W. C. Curtis, Chas. Crosby, age 67, and Vitella M. Small, age 54, both of Bethel.

In Norway, March 25, by Rev. D. Joslin, John W. Kimball, age 38, of Albany, and Serena M. George, age 30, of Bethel.

In Bethel, April 4, by Rev. J. H. Little, Frank W. Bennett, age 28, and Lucy J. Chase, age 22, both of Bethel.

In Bethel, April 10, by Rev. J. H. Little, Myron E. Morrill, age 22, of Mason, and Viola G. Bartlett, age 22, of Bethel.

In South Paris, April 11, by Rev. G. Howard Newton, Philip S. Chapman, age 29, of Bethel, and Lena K. Everett, age 19, of South Paris.

In Bethel, April 18, by Rev. T. C. Chapman, Lewis V. Merrill, age 25, and Winifred G. Maxim, age 20, both of Bethel.

In Bethel, April 18, by Rev. T. C. Chapman, Walter E. Maxim, age 19, of Bethel, and Etta M. Hall, age 18, of Colebrook, N. H.

In Bethel, April 20, by Rev. J. H. Little, Wallace F. Coolidge, age 20, and Lillias M. Sumner, age 18, both of Bethel.

In Bethel, April 21, by Rev. J. H. Little, Guy M. Crouse, age 23, and Nina P. Uhlman, age 19, both of Bethel.

In Bethel, April 25, by Rev. J. H. Little, Charles E. Wheeler, age 46, of Bethel, and Alice G. Everett, age 31, of Norway, Me.

In Bethel, April 25, by Rev. J. H. Little, Albert D. Keniston, age 22, of Albany, and Iva L. Andrews, age 18.

In St. Johnsbury, Vt., Apr. 3, by Edwin A. Potter, Justice of the Peace, Herman F. Robertson, age 20, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., and Sadie J. Kelleigh, age 27, of Winchester, Mass.

In Bethel, May 3, by Rev. J. H. Little, Henry E. Cunningham, age 28, and Laura E. Jodrey, age 27, both of Bethel.

In Bethel, June 10, by Rev. J. H. Little, Elmer J. Stearns, age 44, and Grace M. Eagle, age 26, both of Bethel.

In Bethel, June 30, by Rev. W. C. Curtis, Ralph C. Richardson, age 28, and Dora H. Farrar, age 17, both of Hanover.

In Bethel, July 3, by Rev. J. H. Little, Ralph C. Andrews, age 22, of South Paris, and Blanche M. Scribner, age 22, of Newry, Me.

In Bethel, July 4, by Rev. W. C. Curtis, Benson Fernley Norton, age 20, of Levant, Me., and Margaret E. Herrick, age 21, of Bethel.

In Bethel, July 11, by Rev. J. H. Little, Marshall J. Swain, age 56, and Rose E. Stevens, age 37, both of Rumford, Me.

In Bethel, July 14, by Rev. J. H. Little, Percy W. Martin, age 26, and Bertha B. Fillemore, age 19, both of Bethel.

In Auburn, July 18, by Rev. Henry B. Williams, Everett Carleton Neal, age 26, of Bethel, and Olive M. Woodman, age 26, of Auburn.

In Bethel, July 26, by Rev. J. H. Little, John E. Teague, age 43, of Turner, and Elizabeth M. Morris, age 38, of Livermore.

In Bethel, July 28, by Rev. J. H. Little, Ira A. Brown, age 23, of Hanover, and Miriam F. Cole, age 20, of Lowell, Mass.

In Mexico, Sept. 12, by W. P. Porter, Montie Andrew Millett, age 21, of Greenwood, and Stella I. Lovejoy, age 16, of Bethel.

In Bethel, Sept. 15, by Rev. J. H. Little, Frank A. Hunt, age 30, of Norway, and Cora Maud Luxton, age 18, of Bethel.

In Bethel, Sept. 15, by Rev. J. H. Little, Lester E. Lane, age 21, and Alberta Emily Enman, age 18, both of Upton.

In Bethel, Oct. 3, by Rev. J. H. Little, Wm. H. Griffin, age 55, of Gilead, and Mrs. Elizabeth Chapman, age 44 of R. I.

In Bethel, Oct. 3, by Rev. J. H. Little, Clarence Merle Swan, age 28, of Bethel, and Rosa M. Tyler, age 21, of Mason.

In South Paris, Oct. 13, by Rev. G. Howard Newton, Albert I. Burke, age 30, of Bethel, and Laura Esther Adkins, age 20, of South Paris.

In Newry, Oct. 15, by Rev. H. S. Trueman, Russell L. Swan, age 22, of Bethel, and Gladys Estella Davis, age 22, of Newry.

In South Paris, Oct. 16, by Rev. C. G. Miller, Ziba F. Durkee, age 65, and Gertrude M. Everett, age 49, both of Bethel.

In Bethel, Oct. 28, by Rev. J. H. Little, Clarence E. Wing, age 22, of Woodstock, and Myrtle Beatrice Bartlett, age 15, of Bethel.

In Norway, Nov. 10, by Rev. Robert J. Bruce, Evander B. Whitman, age 27, of Bethel, and Marion E. Andrews, age 25, of Norway.

In Bethel, Nov. 10, by Rev. W. C. Curtis, John W. Elliott, age 43, and Mary A. Glover, age 17, both of Rumford Point.

In Bethel, Nov. 20, by Rev. H. S. Trueman, John A. Angervine, age 43, of Grafton, Me., and Gladys Thelma Lombard, age 18, of Upton.

In Bethel, Dec. 15, by Rev. J. H. Little, Henry Sidney Jodrey, age 50, of Bethel, and Samantha Mason Goodnow, age 49, of Gorham, N. H.

In Bethel, Dec. 22, by Rev. J. H. Little, Clyde Barnett Corey, age 28, of Norway, and Edna Grace Wight, age 31, of Gilead.

In Greenwood, Dec. 25, by Harry M. Swift, J. of P., Charles Frank Reed, age 61, and May Lonesa Reed, age 63, both of Bethel.

DEATHS.

Jan. 11. Infant Gatchell. Birthplace, Bethel. Cause of death, stillborn.

Jan. 12. Louisa Chase, age 81 years, 1 month, 13 days. Birthplace, Smithfield. Cause of death, arterio sclerosis.

Feb. 5. Gilbert Tyler, age 85 years. Birthplace, Sumner. Cause of death, prostrate hypertrophy.

Feb. 12. Moses M. Hastings, age 82 years, 2 months, 10 days. Birthplace, Bethel. Cause of death, heart trouble.

Feb. 22. Harriette N. Hubbard, age 93 years. Birthplace, Massachusetts. Cause of death, pneumonia.

Feb. 23. Louisa G. Hastings, age 71 years, 4 months, 16 days. Birthplace, Dexter. Cause of death, pneumonia.

Feb. 21. Zenas W. Bartlett, age 55 years, 11 months, 2 days. Cause of death, cirrhosis of liver.

March 20. Phebe M. Buxton, age 91 years, 11 months, 11 days. Birthplace, Cumberland, Me. Cause of death, exhaustion, following cerebral apoplexy.

April 1. Ernest W. Godwin, age 45 years, 5 months, 24 days. Birthplace, Upton. Cause of death, acute alcoholism.

April 3. Loretta Churchill, age 85 years, 9 months, 3 days. Birthplace, Paris. Cause of death, exhaustion, following fracture of hip.

April 23. Infant Haines, age 2 days. Cause of death, congenital malformation of the heart.

May 10. Robert E. L. Farwell, age 77 years, 10 months, 21 days. Birthplace, Bethel. Cause of death, senile debility.

May 14. N. F. Brown, age 72 years, 3 months, 5 days. Birthplace, Bethel. Cause of death, arterio sclerosis.

May 16. David S. Abbott, age 73 years, 9 months, 6 days. Birthplace, Newry. Cause of death, cancer of the face.

May 18. C. Wharton Smith, age 52 years. Birthplace, Philadelphia, Pa. Cause of death, suicide by shooting.

May 28. Mrs. Arvilla Lucas, age 81 years, 11 months, 13 days. Birthplace, Bethel. Cause of death, angina pectoris.

June 27. Edgar D. Andrews, 77 years, 8 months, 7 days. Birthplace, Stowe, Me. Cause of death, chronic disease of heart.

July 11. Algernon S. Chapman, age 85 years, 6 months, 21 days. Birthplace, Bethel. Cause of death, uremia—acute.

July 23. Wm. W. Chase, age 70 years, 11 months, 9 days. Birthplace, Bethel. Cause of death, cancer of liver.

July 24. Deborah B. Holt, age 85 years, 11 days. Birthplace, Greenville, Me. Cause of death, cancer of stomach.

Sept. 27. Addie L. Andrews, age 79 years, 3 months, 19 days. Birthplace, Rumford. Cause of death, carcinoma of bowels.

Oct. 2. David S. York, age 74 years, 5 months. Birthplace, Grafton, Me. Cause of death, paralysis of throat.

Oct. 6. Mrs. Nancy Carver, age 73 years, 2 months, 10 days. Birthplace, Tennessee. Cause of death, senile gangrene.

Oct. 17. Mary A. Darling, age 86 years, 8 months, 10 days. Birthplace, Bethel. Cause of death, arterio sclerosis.

Oct. 21. Ervin A. Smith, age 65 years, 1 month, 12 days. Birthplace, Bethel. Cause of death, chronic endocarditis.

Dec. 17. Elizabeth W. Hastings, age 85 years, 9 months, 17 days. Birthplace, Waterford. Cause of death, organic disease of heart.

Dec. 16. Jacob A. Thurston, age 74 years, 1 month, 1 day. Birthplace, Eaton, N. H. Cause of death, arterio sclerosis.

Dec. 6. Melinda L. Bean, age 78 years, 4 months, 19 days. Birthplace, Norway, Me. Cause of death, paralysis of muscles of throat.

Dec. 22. Mary M. Rowe, age 78 years, 1 month, 16 days. Birthplace, Bethel, Me. Cause of death, acute suppression of the urine.

Returns made to the Clerk of Bethel from other towns.

Jan. 9. In Portland, Ina M. Allen, age 42 years, 5 months, 12 days. Birthplace, Bethel. Cause of death, uraemia.

Jan. 20. In Gorham, N. H., Wallace Mason, age 76 years, 4 months, 28 days. Birthplace, Bethel. Cause of death, endocarditis.

Jan. 8. In Auburn, Joan Stearns, age 85 years. Birthplace, Bethel. Cause of death, heart disease.

Feb. 13. In Hanover, Philip A. Wheeler, age 85 years. Cause of death, old age.

May 3. In Peru, Fred Taylor, age 53 years, 2 months, 6 days. Birthplace, N. B. Cause of death, cerebral hemorrhage.

Aug. 4. In Otisfield, Lot S. Coburn, age 76 years, 10 months, 16 days. Birthplace, Newry. Cause of death, arterio sclerosis.

Sept. 17. In Byron, Emmuline Thurlow, age 65 years. Cause of death, paralytic shock.

Dec. 12. In Lewiston, John Dana Bartlett, age 67 years, 9 months, 27 days. Birthplace, Greenwood, Me. Cause of death, septicum.

BIRTHS.

Jan. 11, to the wife of Geo. E. Gatchell, a daughter, 5th child. Stillborn.

Jan. 8, to the wife of Edward Raimey, a son, 2nd child.

Jan. 22, to the wife of Nelson S. Cole, a daughter, 1st child.

Feb. 2, to the wife of Wade H. Thurston, a daughter, 3rd child.

Mar. 4, to the wife of D. C. Foster, a daughter, 5th child. Grace Harriett.

Mar. 29, to the wife of Dana S. Harrington, a daughter, 5th child. Nellie Christie.

Apr. 2, to the wife of Delbert Buker, a son, 3rd child. Robert Laforest.

Apr. 8, to the wife of Elias F. Roberts, a daughter, 2nd child. Harriette Christiana.

Apr. 13, to the wife of Freeborn Bean, a son, 2nd child. Kenneth Harry.

Apr. 12, to the wife of O. B. Farwell, a son, 3rd child. James Nutting.

Apr. 20, to the wife of Geo. L. Haines, a daughter, 6th child. Christine.

Apr. 22, to the wife of Cleveland R. West, a son, 2nd child. Gerald Cleveland.

Apr. 21, to the wife of Alphonse Levesque, a son, 3rd child. Richard Albert.

Apr. 27, to the wife of Edw. E. Bennett, a son, 6th child. Arthur Oleson.

Apr. 24, to the wife of Albert L. Swan, a son, 1st child. Ernest Arthur.

May 9, to the wife of Harry E. Hutchinson, a daughter, 1st child. Dorothy Irene.

May 17, to the wife of G. Norman Sanborn, a daughter, 3rd child. Mary Bartlett.

May 20, to Elva M. Rolfe, a daughter, Elinor Adell.

June 1, to the wife of Everett C. Smith, a daughter, 2nd child. Virginia.

June 2, to the wife of Austin N. Jodrey, a daughter, 4th child. Ruby Mary.

June 12, to the wife of Hugh D. Thurston, a son, 1st child. Howard Forrest, Jr.

June 23, to the wife of Chas. W. Meisner, a son, 2nd child. Orville Wesley.

July 8, to the wife of Chas. Albert Farwell, a son, 3rd child. Charles Albert, Jr.

July 27, to the wife of John C. Anderson, a daughter, 1st child. Helen Esther.

July 31, To the wife of Carl L. Brown, a son, 3rd child. Stanley Loren.

Aug. 6, to the wife of Charles E. Small, a son, 2nd child. Charles Elmer, Jr.

Aug. 8, to the wife of Benj. F. Hutchins, a son, 2nd child. Perley Lewis.

Aug. 8, to the wife of A. F. Chapman, a son, 3rd child. Alonzo Frost.

Aug. 23, to the wife of Elias S. Robinson, a daughter, 3rd child.

Sept. 14, to the wife of J. F. Merrill, a son, 3rd child. Horace Herman.

Sept. 18, to the wife of John Deegan, a daughter, 1st child. Marguerite May.

Sept. 19, to the wife of Calvin Dean Farrar, a daughter, 2nd child. Mildred Agnes.

Sept. 23, to the wife of Almon E. Tyler, a daughter, 2nd child. Alice Tyler.

Sept. 24, to the wife of Artemas Smith, a daughter, 1st child.

Nov. 7, to the wife of Guy M. Crouse, a son, 1st child. Earlin David.

Nov. 10, to the wife of Ralph Richardson, a son, 1st child.

Nov. 13, to the wife of M. J. Marshall, a son, 5th child. Richard Earl.

Nov. 26, to the wife of Ralph L. Moore, a son, 1st child. Robert Leslie.

Nov. 27, to the wife of Thomas Burris, a son, 5th child. Russell Clark.

Dec. 3, to the wife of Kennith Jodrey, a daughter, 5th child. Eslin Viola.

Dec. 9, to the wife of Milan R. Chapin, a son, 5th child. Lloyd Herald.

Dec. 13, to the wife of John Howe, a son, 2nd child. Rodney Kimball.

Dec. 17, to the wife of Robert F. Clough, a son, 6th child. Emerson.

Dec. 22, to the wife of Henry A. Perkins, a son, 3rd child. Ernest.

Dec. 25, to the wife of Wallace H. Warren, a daughter, 2nd child.

Births Reported from Other Towns.

Norway, March 5, to the wife of H. C. Brown, a daughter, 1st child. Elizabeth Helen.

Norway, March 12, to the wife of Clyde M. Lowe, a daughter, 1st child. Muriel Lowe.

Reported Jan. 24, 1918.

Nov. 22, to the wife of Allister Lowe, a daughter, 3rd child. Grace Elizabeth.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

To Fred B. Merrill, a citizen of the town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford.

GREETING.—In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Bethel, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at Odeon Hall, in said Town on Monday, March 4th, 1918, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles, to wit:—

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To hear and act on the report of the several town officers.

Art. 4. To choose Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To choose Assessors for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To choose the method of collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 8. To choose a Collector for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To establish the number of Road Commissioners to be appointed by the Selectmen.

Art. 10. To establish the price per day the Road Commissioners shall receive for their services.

Art. 11. To choose one member of School Committee.

Art. 12. To choose a Fire Ward for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To establish the price per day that the Fire Ward shall receive for his services.

Art. 14. To choose all other necessary town officers.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of schools for the ensuing year.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the repair of schoolhouses for the ensuing year.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for text-books for the ensuing year.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the purpose of paying tuition in secondary schools.

Art. 19. To see if the town will authorize the Superintending School Committee to maintain a school at North Bethel and Middle Intervale.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$2,112.13 for the over expenditure on roads and bridges and snow roads for the year 1917.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for repair of roads and bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for breaking out of winter roads for the ensuing year.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$262.80, the same being the town's part in patrol work done in 1917 by State Highway Commission on State road leading to Locke's Mills.

Art. 24. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the purpose of covering sand on road leading to Greenwood by the estate of E. Cross. (This article by petition.)

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State aid as provided in Section 20 of Chapter 130 of Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$666.00 for the improvement of the section of State aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of highways, the above amount being the maximum which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 19 of Chapter 130 of Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote and raise money and what sum for the maintenance of State highways during the ensuing year within the limits of the town under the provisions of Section 9 of Chapter 130 of Public Laws of 1913.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote and raise money in addition to the amount raised in 1917 for the purpose of purchasing a snow roller for West Bethel and vicinity.

Art. 29. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the support of poor for the ensuing year.

Art. 30. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for town officers.

Art. 31. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for miscellaneous expenses for the ensuing year.

Art. 32. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to pay town debt and interest.

Art. 33. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for the observance of Memorial Day, said money to be expended by Brown Post, G. A. R.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote and raise money to pay for Collector's Bond for year 1918.

Art. 35. To see if the town will authorize the town Treasurer to hire money, if necessary, to pay outstanding bills.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote and raise the sum of \$300.00 to procure from the Bethel Library Association the free use of the books during ensuing year for all the inhabitants of the town under such restrictions and regulations as shall insure the safety and good usage of the books.

Art. 37. To see if the town will authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of twelve to be known as the Budget Committee.

Any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and have you there this warrant with your doings thereon.

Given under our hands this 11th day of February, A. D. 1918.

FRANK. A. BROWN,
N. E. RICHARDSON,
F. B. HOWE,

Selectmen of Bethel.

The Selectmen will be in their office Saturday the 2nd day of March for the purpose of correcting the list of voters of the town, and hearing and deciding cases of applicants claiming the right to have their names on the voting list.

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